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THE period covered by the letters in the present volume—roughly corresponding to the reign of Edward III.—was a brilliant one in the political history of the kingdom; remarkable for the heroic military achievements of the French and Scottish wars, and for the growth of the power of the Commons gained by the control acquired by Parliament over the granting of supplies to the Crown. But momentous as was the reign in the national history, the course of events within the monastery of Christ Church was but very slightly affected by the political and military events of the time. Prior Oxenden.

The energetic Prior Eastry, whose contributions filled so large a space in the first volume of these letters, where he appeared as a statesman and an adviser of the Archbishop in critical circumstances, after fifty years of office, died in 1331, and to him succeeded Richard Oxenden.

This Prior sprang from one of the most influential families in East Kent, and he probably owed his promotion to his high social rank and family influence. He was received into the Benedictine Order in the year 1320, and therefore at the date of his preferment in 1331 he was not more than thirty years of age—an age at which a monk was ranked as *a junior of the lower choir*—and hence it may be supposed that other considerations than distinguished services or ripe experience favoured his advancement.

His incumbency was chiefly marked by the series of attempts which he was constantly making to filch from the Archbishop his privileges of inspecting and approving

candidates for *profession* before they were received into the Order; and of appointing certain of the superior officers of the Convent. In the latter case ancient custom prescribed that when the office of Sub-Prior, Sacrist, Cellarer, Confessor, and some others—the holders of which were designated *Obedientiarii*—became vacant, the Chapter should send up to the Archbishop the names of three of its members qualified for the office by skill and experience, and from these three the Archbishop should select any one at his own free choice. Within a
Vol. I., 423. few days of his own election Prior Richard attempted to break through the ancient rule of procedure, by asking Archbishop Meopham to allow him to supersede the nominee of the latter and to substitute one of his own choosing, and from time to time, now encroaching on one side and now on another, he renewed his efforts to obtain these small pieces of patronage, and thus to diminish the Archbishop's power of interference in the domestic affairs of the monastery.

He appears, from the prominent place which money matters occupy in the letters, to have had a keen eye for business, and he was apparently proud of his literary style and ornate composition. The rhetoric of which he was so vain on one occasion drew down upon him a sharp reproof from Archbishop Stratford, who wrote to him: Displicent nobis multum ea quæ . . . . non cum " debita brevitate sed inutili verbositate nobis vestris " litteris intimastis." On this occasion a priest's nose had bled in the course of an affray in the churchyard, and the Prior in announcing this *pollution* of the
p. 155. consecrated area had told the Archbishop that: " the face of his Spouse, the Church, having been " besmirched, the Archbishop must consider himself " befouled."

Prior Hathbrand.

Prior Oxenden ruled the monastery for seven years, and at his death he was followed by Robert Hathbrand, who also found sufficient safe occupation in the government of his House, without seeking a wider field for

his energies. He had for correspondents the Black Prince and other persons of note, but there is nothing in his or their letters to lead us to believe that he had any influence in the national councils. He evidently paid great attention to the manors of the Convent, and on more than one occasion he used coercion to bondmen who, holding land from the Convent by a base tenure, were endeavouring to usurp the rank of free tenants ; a foreshadowing of the emancipation which it required three centuries to complete.

Hathbrand's incumbency was rendered memorable by a public calamity, which, although, as will hereafter be shown, it affected the household of Christ Church but little, is now recognised to have been in the end a turning point in the social, political, and economic progress of the country. The Black Death.

This momentous occurrence was the invasion of Western Europe by that most fatal of diseases the Oriental Plague, which, under the name of the Black Death, after ravaging the Continent, was introduced into England in the autumn of 1348. The Historia Anglicana of Walsingham gives an account of the deadly effects of this pestilence upon the general population of this country in the following words:

> Anno gratiæ MCCCXLIX. . . . . magna mortalitas hominum grassata est per orbem, incipiens ab Australibus et Borealibus plagis, tantaque clade desæviens ut vix media pars hominum remaneret. Tunc villæ olim hominibus refertissimæ suis destitutæ sunt colonis, et adeo crebra pestis invaluit ut vix vivi potuerunt mortuos sepelire. In quibusdam vero religiosorum domibus de viginti vix supererant tantum duo. Æstimabatur autem a pluribus quod vix decima pars hominum fuisset relicta ad vitam . . . . Tantaque miseria ex hiis malis est secuta, quod mundus ad pristinum statum redeundi nunquam postea habuit facultatem.

Walsingh. Hist. Ang. ed. Riley, 1, 273.

In monasteries, then, the mortality was even greater than that experienced by the country at large, a result probably following upon the crowding together of the inmates within their four walls, and a neglect of those

sanitary conditions which are almost an invention of the present day. A detailed report of the depopulation of one such community has come down to us, probably composed from notes made by an eye-witness, and one of the few survivors of the House, who escaped the epidemic.

Chron. de Melsa, ed. Bond, III., 36.

Cum præter se ipsum 42 monachos et 7 conversos haberet in Conventu . . . . . Abbas Hugo . . . . . . in pestilentia magna quæ fuit in anno Domini 1349 obiit, et 32 monachi et conversi mortui sunt. Quæ pestilentia in dicto monasterio nostro, sicut in aliis locis, in tantum prævaluit, ut in mense Augusto Abbas ipse, 22 monachi, et 6 conversi decederent; de quibus Abbas ipse et 5 monachi uno die pariter jacuerunt inhumati; aliique mortui sunt ut, cessata pestilentia, de prædictis 50 monachis et conversis 10 monachi tantum, absque conversis, relinquerentur. Ex hinc cœperunt redditus et possessiones monasterii minui, præcipue cum major pars tenentium nostrorum in diversis locis obissent, etc.

Such having been the mortality in this Cistercian monastery, it might have been expected that the similarly constituted Benedictine congregation at Canterbury would have suffered in something like an equal proportion; but this was by no means the case.

Among the records of the Priory in the Cathedral Library there is a thin MS. parchment book, containing (1) a list of all the monks who made their professions from the time of the return of the Convent from the exile into which the tyranny of King John had driven them, in 1214, up to the dissolution in 1540; and (2) a record of the deaths of all these brethren, often with physiological details, from 1286 to 1540.

Immunity of Christ Church.

From this volume it is gathered that there were usually from 70 to 80 brethren on the books at one time; and hence, if the Melsa ratio were adhered to, four fifths of these would have died, and the obituary would have set down the mortality at about 60 persons. Instead of any such dreadful record the MS. has this astonishing note:

Tho. de Gylyngham xij. kal. Junii.
W. de Wymborne viij. id. Junii.
J. de London vij. id. Junii.

W. de Reamund v. kal. Julii.

Isti quatuor tantum moriebantur de pestilencia anno M°CCC°XL°IX^{no}.

Even this note does not disclose the whole truth concerning the apparently miraculous exemption of the Convent from the effects of the pestilence ; for there is reasonto believe that not a single monk was attacked who had confined himself to the healthy precincts of his home. The Chapter, as owners of estates and lords of manors, had constant business in the King's Courts, and were in frequent communication with the Archbishop, in addition to which the *Custos Maneriorum*—a senior monk who personally superintended the monastic estates —accompanied by a staff of clerks made an annual *progress*—naturally in the summer—through all the manors in his charge ; these lying scattered over the kingdom from Hadleigh in Suffolk to Doccombe in Moreton Hampstead, on the edge of Dartmoor. Again, as every letter sent out from the Convent was carried by a special messenger, in all important cases being confided to a *professed* monk, who carried *vivâ voce* explanations in amplification of the cautious brevity of the written letter, and as the party of the *Custos Maneriorum* could not well have been less than three, it may safely be assumed that at least eight or ten monks were always absent from their monastery, and therefore exposed to the infection to the same degree as the average of the population. If then at least a half of these absentees were carried off, as according to Walsingham's calculation they would have been, all the four deaths that actually befel the monks of Christ Church are accounted for, and it may be inferred that the home-staying *familia* of Christ Church escaped as safely from the plague as if the lintels of the house had been protected by a Passover sprinkling. It will be seen that these four above-mentioned deaths all occurred between May 28th and June 20th, during the early summer season, at the time of year when travelling was most pleasant and most practicable, and therefore at

the time when the *Custos Maneriorum* might be expected to be making his *progress;* it is not unlikely that his small party, in wandering from one farm-house to another in the course of their business, contracted the infection, and furnished a large share of the four deaths which occurred.

Causes of the immunity.

How did it happen that a large body of men living together, under the conditions which the above-quoted chroniclers declare to be the very conditions which made this pestilence more than ordinarily deadly, should entirely, or almost entirely, escape infection? To this a satisfactory answer can be given; an answer too which happily justifies the precautions against epidemic disease which in our own day are believed to be matters of only ordinary prudence.

In the middle of the twelfth century, some two centuries before the invasion of the plague, Prior Wibert had supplied the monastery with the two most efficient weapons with which a community can be armed in a combat with infectious disease—a copious supply of wholesome water and a perfect system of drainage. He brought, by means of wooden pipes, an uninterrupted flow of spring water into the house from the hills at a distance from the city, and, after having distributed it to the cloisters, kitchens, and lavatories, he collected the superfluity, as it ran off loaded with the household refuse, by means of branch drains which led into a main (above ground) sewer, through which all objectionable matters were carried clear of the premises. The recognition of the success of Wibert's limited application of engineering skill may help to reconcile the ratepayers of our own day to the heavy cost which they have to pay for the same precautions applied, on a larger scale, to our overgrown cities and towns.

The Archbishops and the plague.

Whilst the monks of Canterbury were thus lightly visited, their chiefs, the Archbishops, suffered even beyond the average of the people—four different archbishops followed each other within the space of 13 months. John Stratford died (possibly not from the

plague) at Mayfield on August 23rd, 1348; John de Offord was *provided* by the Pope in November of the same year, and was carried off by the pestilence in the following June; to him succeeded Thomas Bredwardyn, who died of the plague in August; and lastly, Simon Islip was elected by the chapter on 20th September 1349. In the present volume the letters do not allude directly to the pestilence, or to the rapid succession of archbishops; but there are signs of anxiety to be traced in the letters which summon a general meeting at Canterbury of the Counsil of the Convent, and in the Prior's answer to a correspondent who had evidently made minute inquiries as to his health. p. 299.

Mortality of the clergy. The numbers of the secular clergy, who suffered from the visitation at least equally with the general population, were so thinned by death that the services of the parish churches were with difficulty maintained in all places, and in many they ceased altogether; at the same time those who came forward to fill the vacancies were commonly illiterate men entirely unfit for the high office to which they presumed to aspire. **Canterbury College founded.** To remedy this unseemly state of things, Archbishop Islip, 10 years after his election, was moved to undertake measures for providing educated men, who, being specially trained for the priesthood, might raise the standard of the whole body of the clergy to at least the level which it had occupied before the plague. With this view he founded a college in Oxford, under the name of Canterbury Hall, and endowed it with the profits of the rectory of Pagham in Sussex, to which his nephew added the manor of Woodford in Northamptonshire.

Was a house of seculars. This College, as at first founded by Abp. Islip, did not differ much, as his statutes show, from other small foundations in the University; but at the very beginning of its existence the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church, probably by the founder's special permission, given *pro hac vice,* were allowed to nominate three persons, from whom the Archbishp selected one to be the p. 416.

The first Warden a monk.

first Warden; and then they seem to have assumed that, in spite of the founder's statutes, which vested the election of the Warden in the Fellows of the College, they were entitled to select the future Wardens and Fellows exclusively from the brethren of their own Convent. That they were in error as to the Archbishop's intentions will appear by an examination of the statutes, the proof being confirmed by a change in their favour made twenty years after by Archbishop Courtenay.

The first Canterbury Hall in Oxford. Vol. I., 358, 392, &c.

The germ of Canterbury Hall as an exclusively Benedictine College, such as it came to be in 1370, is to be found in the first volume of these letters, under the date 1331; where it makes its first appearance as a family of three Canterbury monks living in an *Aula*, in the parish of St. Peter in the East, in Oxford, under the charge of the senior of the three as Superior. This hall was, however, only a hired building, rented for six marks a year; but still it was in some measure connected with the name of Canterbury, since it is described as "ubi solebat Do-" minus Archiepiscopus manere." There was no endowment provided for the scholars, who depended for supplies both of food and money upon the manor of Newington, near Henley, the estate belonging to Christ Church which lay nearest to Oxford; from whence the Bailiff was directed from time to time to furnish them with necessaries, and apparently not much besides. As this *Aula* disappears from the records soon after the above-named date, and as a new abode for the Canterbury students comes into notice, it is probable that the household in St. Peter's was soon broken up, and, as a

Gloucester College.

substitute, sets of rooms were purchased in the *Mansum Commune Nigrorum Monachorum*, a joint-stock establishment shared by various monasteries of English Benedictines; afterwards known as Gloucester College, and in the present day as Worcester College. The share of Christ Church in this *Mansum* was retained until the year 1371—a year after the Fellowships of Islip's new college had been assured to the monks—and then it was

sold to the Abbey of Westminster; a power of re-entry being reserved by the vendors in case any mischance should arrive to their own new college.

It does not appear that, at first, Archbishop Simon made any attempt to provide a specially constructed building for the accommodation of the new corporation; but he selected a site already covered with, probably very humble, tenements, and in these the students were modestly housed for about thirty years, such houses as they did not themselves occupy being let to tenants, whose rents went towards the endowment of the college. The process by which these tenements were acquired is shown by the tenour of the royal licence for their amortization obtained in 1363. This provides that (*statuto de religiosis non obstante*): The site of Islip's College.

. . . . . ob affectionem quam ad venerabilem patrem Simonem Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem, qui quandam domum scolarium, vocatam Aulam Cantuariensem, in augmentationem cleri regni nostri, qui per pestilencias in eodem regno invalescentes est multipliciter diminutus, in Villa Oxonia . . . . . noviter fundavit, merito gerimus et habemus, volentes dilectis nobis in Christo Custodi et Scolaribus Aulæ prædictæ gratiam facere specialem, concessimus quod (*A*, *B*, et *C certa tenementa ipsis Custodi, etc.*) dare possint et assignare. Mortmain licence.

The tenements mentioned in the schedule formed a group on a site adjoining to the Priory of St. Frideswyde's, and consisted of eleven tenements and six tofts, purchased from the Abbot of Abingdon, the Priory of St. Frideswyde's, the Abbess of Godstow, Balliol Hall, and three citizens. The messuages, more or less modified to suit their new destination, doubtless formed the first home of the College, and when they were destroyed, at the end of the fourteenth century, the ground which they occupied together with the six tofts furnished a site for a handsome new college, which was built from its foundations, under the superintendence of William Chert, the Warden. The bills for the building of this college are still in existence.

In the royal licence for the foundation of the college the King again alludes to the pestilence:

King's licence for the foundation.

. . . . . pie desiderantes incrementum salubre cleri regni nostri, propter multiplicationem doctrinæ salutaris, quæ per præsentem epidemiam noscitur plurimum defecisse, etc.

The Archbishop also, in his foundation deed, writes:

Islip's preamble

. . . . . considerantes viros in omni scientia doctos et expertos in epidemiis præteritis plurimum defecisse, paucissimosque propter defectum exhibitionis ad præsens insistere studio litterarum, etc.

As was mentioned above, Archbishop Islip did not intend his foundation as a place of education for Benedictine monks; in fact the only explanation of the claim of Christ Churst, Canterbury, to have the control of the college must have arisen from the leave which the Archbishop gave them of nominating monks as the first candidates for the office of Warden. But when Islip was near his end, the influence of the seculars about him overcame that of the *religious*, and one John Wyclif (whether the reforming rector of Lutterworth, or not) was thrust into the office of Custos, from which Wodhulle, the monk first appointed by the founder, was expelled.

Wyclif Warden.

In 1366 Simon Langham became Archbishop in the place of Simon Islip, and, favouring the monks, he endeavoured to eject Wyclif and the seculars, who thereupon appealed to Rome; pleading in their *case* that the college was founded for twelve secular clerks, one of whom was to be Warden, and that Archbishop Langham had sequestrated the tithes of Pagham, "ut sic "facilius dictos scolares eidem consentire, vel mendi-"cationi in opprobrium cleri compelleret." The Archbishop on the contrary asserted that the college was intended for the education of monks. Upon these pleadings Urban V. remitted the cause to a Cardinal for decision, who, in May 1370, gave judgment in favour of the *regulars*, and named certain *executors* in England, who were charged with the duty of expelling the

The monks restored.

seculars and reinstating the monks. This was done, and ever after the college was esteemed a daughter of the Canterbury monastery, and was used as a seminary for training hopeful young monks for holding office in their Convent.

The statutes provided by Archbishop Islip were remodelled by Archbishop Courtenay in 1383, and a pretence was made of quoting the founder's constitutions verbatim; but a comparison of some of the more important clauses of the original statutes with the reformer's recital of them shows that this latter was, to say the least, ill-informed as to their tenor. Islip's statutes are at Lambeth (Reg. Islip, f. 213), and are printed by Wilkins (Concilia III., 52); whilst Courtenay's amended form is in a register at Canterbury (B., fo. 388). Statutes.

Islip enacted:

Aula vocabitur Aula Cantuariensis, et habebit Superiorem qui nominabitur Custos. Islip's statutes.

Custos debet esse vir provectæ ætatis, maturus, sobrius, et honestus, etc.

Et debet ipse præfici tali modo: videlicet, senior Domus . . . . . postquam custodis officium fuerit vacuum omnes Socios . . . . congregabit; qui . . . . juxta formam traditam inferius . . . . eligent, de toto Collegio, tres personas habiliores . . . . et eos in scriptura communi Domino Archiepiscopo nominabunt, etc.

Habebit insuper dictus Custos undecim socios actualiter constudentes, et ultra illos unum capellanum, etc.

Nullus in Socium . . . . admittatur nisi sit castus, in quantum constare poterit, honestus, pacificus, humilis, indigens non habens de proprio unde sibi sufficienter poterit exhiberi, ... et non habeat in facie notabilem maculam, et sit vel erit staturæ competentis.

Cum vero alicui Sociorum ægritudo diutina, et judicio humano incurabilis, supervenerit, volumus quod a domo totaliter recedat . . . . Si tamen talis infirmus sit, adeo pauper, et amicis destitutus quod non poterit sibi ipsi prospicere, volumus quod, quousque melior fortuna aliunde sibi arriserit, quamdiu vixerit singulis annis percipiat de communi quinque marcas, etc.

Item: Quia Aulam prædictam de bonis archiepiscopatus et nostris totaliter fundavimus . . . . volumus . . . eam ab omni et omnimoda jurisdictione inferiori . . . . tam in rebus suis præsentibus et futuris, quam in personis, omnino fore liberam et immunem, et nobis ac successoribus nostris, Archiepiscopis, ... solum et in solidum subjectam fore, et penitus intendentem ; nobisque . . . . . solummodo liceat, tam in capite quam in membris et ejusdem bonis, visitare, et excessus . . . . . punire ; statutaque prædicta, cum et quotiens opus fuerit, declarare, corrigere, adjicere, et mutare.

Herein there is no mention of any preference for monks, and in many points they are, by the terms employed, implicitly excluded ; for instance, no sick monk would require a pension to keep him from starving—his monastery would take care of him.

Courtenay's statutes.

Reg. B. 388.

In 1383 Archbishop Courtenay, taking a lawful advantage of the authority given by the founder to succeeding Archbishops of altering the statutes, began a reformation by first (incorrectly) quoting Islip's enactment in these words :

Voluit et statuit prædecessor noster . . . . quod sit in dicta Aula sive Collegio unus Custos, *Monachus Ecclesiæ nostræ* maturus, sobrius, etc. et debet ipse Custos præfici sicut Supprior, Celerarius, Sacrista, et ceteri monachi officiarii dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis per Dominum Archiepiscopum Cantuar. præfici consueverunt ; videlicet, Prior et Capitulum eligent de toto Capitulo tres idoneores et meliores in religione . . . . . . de quibus . . . . Dominus Archiepiscopus præficiet quem voluerit ad Custodem, etc.

Alii vero monachi dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuar. apti ad exercitium studii et ingenio pollentes . . . . per Priorem et Capitulum dictæ Ecclesiæ . . . . . libere eligantur, ut eis utilius et commodius videbitur expedire, etc.

Possible statutes given by Langham.

The wide difference between these regulations for electing the Custos and Fellows and those contained in Islip's statutes, as entered in the Lambeth register, can only be accounted for on one supposition ; for it would be unreasonable to charge Archbishop Courtenay with wilful misquotation. Archbishop Simon Langham is known to have favoured the appropriation of the college to monks only, and it was he who first moved to procure

the ejectment of Wyclif; what, then, is more probable than that he too framed a new set of statutes (which would of course be headed "Simon permissione divina Cantuar. Archiepiscopus"), and then that when these statutes fell into the hands of Archbishop Courtenay he thought the "Simon" who composed them was Simon Islip, and that he therefore quoted them as those of the first founder.

Having thus cited Archbishop Islip's statutes for those parts of the constitution of the college which he desires to still remain in force, Archbishop Courtenay proceeds to alter and amend, in accordance with that clause of Islip's deed which grants this power to his successors.

Courtenay's additions to the statutes.

Dictus etiam prædecessor noster, in edicione hujusmodi statutorum, sibi et successoribus suis, eisdem statutis addendi, detrahendi, etc. reservavit plenariam potestatem. Unde nos Willelmus Archiepiscopus . . . ., statuta superius recitata rationabilia et utilia reputantes, ... ea approbamus . . . . . . et innovamus; omniaque alia et singula statuta per dictum Dominum Simonem de Islep et quemcumque alium prædecessorem nostrum . . . penitus revocamus, cassamus, et annullamus, etc. atque, ad præmissa, per nos confirmata, statuta addendo, statuimus quod in dicto Collegio de cetero sint quinque scolares pauperes, liberi, et legitimi, morigerati, et ingenio pollentes, et tales præcipue quos ad ordines sacros ascendere, sive religionem ingredi, verisimiliter velle præsumitur in futurum. Non tamen sint ibi dicti scolares ut dicti Collegii Socii, sed ad illius elemosinam misericorditer sint recepti, quorum tres Dominus Archiepiscopus . . . . . præficiet, alios autem duos Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuar., prout eis placuerit, libere deputabunt. Quibus scolaribus cameras, sive cameram, in dicto Collegio per ejusdem Custodem volumus assignari, cum decem denariis de bonis dicti Collegii singulis ebdomadis, pro eorum communibus, cuilibet assignandis . . . . . .; ita tamen quod dicti denarii non ipsis scolaribus sed communi servienti Collegii liberentur, pro communibus supradictis. Et si contingat eos extra dictum Collegium quomodolibet absentare, de dictis decem denariis, pro rata temporis absenciæ, subtrahatur eisdem.

Servitorships endowed.

Sint itaque dicti scolares pauperes, diebus festivis, in Capella dicti Collegii, in servicio divino seduli et intenti; et ad disposicionem Magistri . . . . . legant lectiones et cantent voluntarie. Obediant etiam dicti scolares Custodi . . . . . in licitis . . . . . et honeste continue deserviant in mensa

et in aliis potacionibus tempore opportuno. Insuper ordinamus . . . . quod dicti quinque scolares disciplinæ suæ imposterum sint assidui: videlicet, in primitiis suis grammatica informentur, et tunc eruditi se sophistriæ . . . . . . transferant indilate. Ad jura vero civilia, si Collegii Custodi . . . . expedire videbitur, unum, vel duos ad magis, permittimus tunc transire, ut sic per logicalia atque jura civilia primitus eruditi, sacræ theologiæ facilius percipere, ac etiam juris canonici, valeant incrementum.

Item, ordinamus . . . . ne dicti scolares, sive aliquis eorum, cum Magistro loci, vel ejus aliquali socio, occupetur, sic quod occupacio illa a studio disciplinæ illos vel illum impedire valeat . . . . . Sed dicti quinque scolares, facultatibus suis, quibus deputantur, diligenter intendant per septem annos continuos; quibus annis completis, nichil de Collegio ulterius recepturi.

Insuper concedimus quod si . . . . prædicti scolares, vel quivis eorum, studio suo non vacet ut possit et debet; vel aliquo gravi crimine fuerit irrititus . . . . . quod tunc per Custodem et duos Socios seniores primo, secundo, et tercio . . . . . quod se corrigat moneatur; si vero monitus a crimine se non emendaverit . . . . . . Magistro Collegii . . . . a dicto Collegio pro perpetuo expellendi, auctoritate præsencium, concedimus facultatem.

Statuimus etiam quod in qualibet septimana bina vice fiant disputaciones in aula . . . . post horam cœnæ, nisi festum alicujus Sancti famosi impedierit, si tamen numerus Sociorum et cohabitancium ad hoc sufficiat, quibus omnibus Socii interesse teneantur; a festo Sci. Michaelis usque ad festum Annunciacionis cum lumine candele, et residua parte anni tam cœna quam disputacio expediantur de die; utroque etiam tempore acceleretur cœna propter disputacionem; qua finita, statim dicatur sine nota antiphona de Beata Virgine vel Sancto Thoma, et dicatur subsequenter oratio conveniens antiphonæ per Custodem, etc. Potu prius sumpto in aula si necesse fuerit, quilibet Socius se transferat ad studium, sive alium locum ubi poterit proficere, sine ulteriori mora in aula facienda; ut aliæ fabulationes et vanitates, quæ discordiam ministrare possint, penitus evitentur.

Ad disputaciones insuper regulandas duos per communitatem volumus collatores, qui disputaciones cursorie assignare et tempus opponencium valeant moderare, etc.; ad disputaciones etiam faciendas Custos, si theologus fuerit, socios moveat et inducat; si vero canonista sit Custos, tunc senior theologus de Sociis in aula ceteros convocabit, ad communicacionem sophismatum bis in ebdomada . . . . juvenes duo Socii, vel

pluros si fuerint, cum quinque scolaribus pauperibus . . . . amodo sint astricti hujusmodi sophismatibus interesse.

Itaque statuimus quod monachorum scolarium in dicto Collegio . . . . . . moderetur numerus, quod de omnibus proficuis et proventibus ad dictum collegium spectantibus . . . . certa tota, quinta videlicet pars ad minus, ... singulis annis pro ædificiis Collegii construendis, et in eodem jam constructis reparandis, ... servari poterit sine fraude.

Indempnitatibus Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuar., quæ frequenter, propter alienaciones sive impignoraciones librorum et aliorum jocalium per Socios dicti Collegii factas, hactenus obvenerunt . . . . . prospicere cupientes, statuimus quod de cetero nec Magister nec aliquis Sociorum suorum . . . . . libros vel librum dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuar. . . . . . vel aliqua alia jocalia vendere vel impignorare . . . . . audeat; quod si secus . . . . fecerint, excommunicacionis sententia ipsos . . . . . . subjacere decernimus ipso facto . . . . . . et ipsos ad claustrum revocari, sine spe redeundi, volumus.

Insuper præcipimus quod, in primo adventu cujuscumque scolaris monachus ad dictum Collegium, mittatur una nota per secundum Cantorem, de omnibus libris dicto scolari ad usum deliberatis, Magistro dicti Collegii, ita quod semel vel bis in anno . . . . videat libros cujuscumque Socii, et hoc sine fraude vel dolo.

Volumus etiam . . . quod singulis diebus celebretur in Capella dicti Collegii missa specialis pro Rege et Regina, etc. et animabus Simonis Islep . . . . . fundatoris, . . atque Simonis Langham quondam Archiepiscopi Cantuar. postea Cardinalis, ac Simonis Sudbury Archiepiscopi, necnon pro nobis W. Courtenay Archiepiscopi Cantuar. dum in hac vita fuerimus, etc. pro Domino etiam Galfrido Lucy milite, et omnibus dictæ Aulæ . . . benefactoribus, vivis et defunctis, quam quidem missam singuli monachi, dicti Collegii Socii, secundum suum ordinem celebrabunt, videlicet Custos semel in ebdomada, etc. Et si contingat aliquem monachum Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuar. in ordine presbyteratus minime constitutum per Priorem et Capitulum ad studium ordinari, qui ad dictum onus missæ per se nequierit sufficere, ordine prohibente, propterea statuimus . . . . sub pœna excommunicacionis et revocacionis ad claustrum, quod dictas missas . . . . per alios presbyteros faciat fideliter celebrari.

Quinque vero pauperes scolaries . . . . ., unusquisque per se, dicet hos psalmos *Deus in nomine tuo, etc.* cum septem *Pater et Ave,* et tribus collectis *Inclina,* etc. Ista cotidie dicent

. . . . antequam potent vel comedant quovismodo; ad quæ fideliter facienda . . . volumus eos onerari.

(Here follow directions for fuller services on the principal feast days.)

Item, volumus quod unus socius monachus eligatur qui habeat custodiam vestimentorum, etc. dictæ capellæ, etc. Idem vero monachus ad instar præcentoris dictam capellam regulabit in servicio divino . . . . . . cui monacho sic constituto volumus quod clericus qui Bibliam leget, et quinque clerici scolares sint intendentes, pro ministracione . . . facienda, etc. Data in Domo nostra Capitulari, dum visitacionis nostræ officium exercuimus in eadem, xvj^to^ die mensis Januarii, anno Dni. M°CCC^mo^LXXXIII°.

The College absorbed by Cardinal College.

As far as can be discovered these amended statutes remained in force as long as the College existed, and the Fellows on the foundation continued to be selected from the Convent of Canterbury until the College itself was swallowed up by the new-born Cardinal College; when, after nearly two hundred years of independent existence, it left only a faint memorial of itself in the name of Canterbury Quad. of Christ Church. Evidence of the existence of the corporation for the above-named period is provided by the registers of the Canterbury Priory, which from time to time record the names of the Wardens and Fellows who were summoned to the parent monastery when they were required to take part in an archiepiscopal visitation, or in the election of a Prior. The last Warden was Richard Thornden, who held the office in 1523, and who in 1540 conformed to the State religion and became a prebendary of the Cathedral on the new foundation.[1]

Newington Manor.

Newington, whence the first Canterbury Hall drew its supplies, was one of a group of four manors belonging to the Canterbury monastery, lying, not far apart, to

[1] Other particulars concerning this College can be found in Mr. Maxwell Lyte's History of the University of Oxford and in the preface of "Christ Church Letters," published by the Camden Society in 1877.

the south-east of Oxford; the others being Brightwell (Bruttewelle) near Wallingford, and Halton and Risborough Monachorum near Thame. These estates were placed under one seneschal, and were always dealt with together as one property. Newington was given to Christ Church by the Norman Queen of Ethelbert II. and Cnut, just after the convent of Canterbury had been forced to pay a large ransom to the Danish invaders. Her *codicellus* is in these terms:

Codicellus Elfgyvæ Ymmæ Reginæ de Newenton. Reg. B. 369.

Anno Dominicæ incarnacionis DCCCCXCVII. Ego Elfgyva Ymma Regina concedo Ecclesiæ Christi, pro salute animæ meæ et ad opus monachorum, terram nomine Newintune et Brutheuuelle, liberam ab omni seculari servicio et fiscali tributo, exceptis expedicione, pontis et arcis constructione; ista terra est in regione quæ nominatur Oxanaford. Ego quoque contuli eidem Ecclesiæ Christi, pro spe salutis æternæ, calicem cum patina aurea in quo sunt tresdecim marcæ de puro auro, et duo dorsalia de pallio, et duas capas de pallio cum tessalis auro paratis.

The neighbouring manor of Risborough Monachorum in Buckinghamshire was owned by the Canterbury monks from very early times, in fact it does not at present appear how they became possessed of it; but the cartulary of the Convent contains the record of a curious piece of history relating to this manor which is interesting as showing the business-like way in which the Danes whilst overrunning the country abstained from slaughter when there was a profit to be made by moderation. The record alluded to is in the form of a licence granted by Ethelred II. in the year 995 to Æswig Bishop of Dorchester, permitting him to hold, as a security for money lent to Siric the Archbishop of Canterbury, the *Territory* of Risborough. After giving to the Bishop leave to hold

Risborough Manor.

Reg. B. 355.

"Quandam juris particulam suæ potestatis arbitrio xxx[ta]
"videlicet mansiunculas in loco qui ab indigenis 'at Risen-
"burga' nuncupatur vocabulo:"

he says that it will be necessary to relate the circumstances in consequence of which the Bishop became entitled to this land, thus:

Cum enim gens pagana Canciam suis stomachando cædibus devastaret, et hostiliter bachando deleret, promittebant se ad Ecclesiam Sancti Salvatoris, quæ in Dorovernensi civitate sita est, ituros, et eam suis incendiis funditus delere, nisi pecunia quæ eis ab Archiepiscopo Siricio promissa fuerat ad plenum daretur. Unde, multis agitatus anxietatibus, Archiepiscopus, cum nec unum mutuum haberet, iniit consilium, et mittens ad præsulem præfatum, Eswium videlicet, et eum multis obnixe rogitabat precibus, quod sibi pecuniam quæ deerat pro sui amoris diligentia donaret, et antedictum rus, quod in suo potestatis arbitrio pro hac accipere non renueret, multa prece deposcit. Unde, talibus permotus miseriis, præfatus præsul, accepta pecunia, nonaginta, videlicet, libras meri argenti ducentasque purissimi auri mancusas, per eosdem nuntios quibus perlatum est, ad Archiepiscopum mittens, consensum præbuit. Qua accepta, Archiepiscopus, accersitis hostibus, ad plenum præbuit quod ante, quamvis coactus, promisit, et librum ruris præfati, me præsente, meisque optimatibus testimonium præbentibus, Episcopo Eswig libentissimo tribuens donavit, etc.

Within a year Bishop Æscwy "timore Dei compunctus" restored the land which he held in pledge; not, as far as his deed shows, receiving any *consideration* for the restoration.

The *Domesday Monachorum*, which is a copy of the *Domesday Domini Regis* modified to suit the convenience of the stewards of the Monastery, records the condition of this manor thus:

Rysbergh tenet Sancta Trinitas, pro xxx. hidis se defendit: ibi xxxij° villani cum viij^to bordmannis: ibi iiij^or servi, etc. Hoc manerium tenuit Esgarus Scalre de Ecclesia Cantuar. ita quod non poterat separari ab Ecclesia tempore Regis E.

The manor lay at a great distance from Canterbury, and its villeinage tenants, not being under the direct supervision of the monastic officers, continually encroached upon the rights of the Lords, and rebelled against the stewards, whom the Chapter selected as their managers from among the smaller gentry of the neighbourhood.

Hence it is that the registers of the Convent show frequent copies of commissions given to these officers, who evidently one after the other failed to coerce the tenants of the outlying manor into submission to their distant Lords.

In the year 1336–7 the *nativi* of Risborough made a supreme effort to throw off their bondage, and declared that the manor was *ancient demesne* of the Crown, that they were not villeins, but copyholders, possessing their lands as freemen, subject to the custom of the manor.

Quod ipsi fuerunt liberæ conditionis, et quod potuerunt vendere tenementa sua per cartas ad voluntatem eorum sine licencia Domini.

The case was on this occasion considered so grave that the Prior of Canterbury in person came into Buckinghamshire, and calling upon Sir John de Stonor (one of the King's Justices and a freeholder in the district) to sit with him as assessor, he presided at the Manor Court. This rather interested tribunal decided that the self-called freemen were in fact *nativi*, and that they held their land at the will of the Prior by a base tenure. The tenants refused to submit themselves to the judgment of the Court, and therefore the Bailiff was ordered to arrest one Will. atte Halle and nine others who had been active in the rebellion. The arrested tenants afterwards brought an action in the King's Bench against the Prior, charging him with assault and false imprisonment. In stating their case they related that early on the morning of Whit Tuesday, in the 10th year of Edw. III., certain officers of the monastery

"Ceperunt eos extra lecta sua propria, et illos ligaverunt cordis, et duxerunt usque Curiam dicti Prioris de Risbergh, et illos posuerunt in seppis,[1] et ibidem vilificarunt despectuose, etc., et postea posuerunt in carectis et illos duxerunt usque Cantuariam, et ibidem in prisona detinuerunt, aliquos in seppis et aliquos in ligamentis ferreis."

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[1] *cippis?*

The tenants still remained obdurate, and were kept out of their lands for about seven years, but it does not appear how much of this time they passed in prison. It is with surprise that we find that whilst the *nativi* of the manor were excluded from their holdings, other persons, freemen and strangers to the place, came and offered to hold these distrained lands as bondmen of the Convent. Thus, John Kynge of Berewyk prayed to be admitted to a messuage and two rods of land which John ate Well, one of the rebels, had held:

"Dictum tenementum tenendum in bondagio sibi et sequelæ suæ . . . . . datis Domino pro messuagio habendo viginti marcis, &c."

The suit in the King's Bench dragged on until the year 1352, when the tenants who were the plaintiffs submitted themselves unconditionally to the Prior in open court, and promised obedience for the future; in consequence of which submission it was ruled "ut eant "sine die."

It is remarkable that one of the tenants who thus confessed himself to be a bondman was named Will. atte Halle, and that sixty years before this revolt one Henry atte Halle (Hen. de Aula) gave to the Prior and Chapter in pure and perpetual alms a small estate within the manor, together with all the homages and services belonging to it. It is not impossible that the descendants of Henry atte Halle had held on as free tenants to the estate which their ancestor gave until at last, all memory of their free condition being lost, William atte Halle, their representative, came to be confounded with the ordinary *nativi* of the manor.

The case of Peter de Dene, first a sojourner at, and then a monk of St. Augustine's

The history of Peter de Dene, which is only obscurely reported in these letters, is told at great length by Thorn in his Chronicle of St. Augustine's Abbey, whose narrative discloses startling facts such as would not be expected from the comparatively tame and business-like reports of the Prior of Christ Church in

the letters. Peter de Dene,[1] who sprang from a Kentish family of knightly rank, was a learned lawyer, in priest's orders, and a voracious pluralist. He is described by Thorn as a doctor of laws, and prebendary of London, York, Wells, Southwell, and Wymborne. His advice and support were so much valued by the Chapter of St. Augustine's, that in 1301 he became standing counsel of the Abbey, with an annual stipend of ten pounds; and by 1312 he had so greatly risen in estimation that he was received into confraternity as an adopted brother of the convent; and, in addition to the ordinary privileges belonging to this adoption, perpetual daily masses were appointed to be celebrated for his benefit; a concession only made to eminent benefactors. The description thus far is taken from the ordinary narrative part of Thorn's Chronicle, and the two events above recorded took place before any kind of discord had broken out between Peter and the Chapter, and consequently before the biassed chronicler found it expedient to depreciate him, as an enemy of the monastery of which the chronicler was the champion. In the latter part of his career the picture of Peter painted by the historian is evidently delineated by the hand of a bitter opponent.

Abbey (503). Scrip. X. 1979–2060.

Some years having gone by, probably soon after the fight at Boroughbridge in 1322 (for in spite of many years occupation about the Court Peter became a partizan of the Earl of Lancaster) he became an inhabitant of the monastic precincts; but after the lapse of about ten years

[1] The name is evidently derived from the family estate of the Dean or Dene in Wingham parish, the proprietors of which were, as existing records show, from the earliest times connected, partly as patrons and partly as salaried officials, with the two great religious corporations at Canterbury. The estate now belongs to the Oxenden family, the name of which may probably be taken as a variant of that of Dene. On the frame of one of the family portraits representing a puritan of the 17th century is the pentameter verse :

Oxendenus erat, qui non Denus erat ·

by which the close relation of Oxenden with Dene is expressed.

quarrels arose, the history of which is contained in two *ex parte* statements ; the one being Peter's narrative sent, as the foundation of an appeal, to the Pope ; and the other a report of the case as seen from the point of view of the Chapter of the abbey. Of course these two opposing statements show the events related in contrasted colours.

Taking the appellant's statement first (as it is found recited in the preamble to the rescript by which John XXII. appointed a commission to hear the cause at Canterbury), Peter poses as a defrauded benefactor, and an oppressed sojourner. At the date (probably 1330) he is thus described: "presbyter Cicestrensis diœcesis, " in casibus a jure permissis, famosus patronus causarum " extitit; patrocinia et consilia multis, in jure cujus " peritus est, præstitit in partibus Anglicanis; stu- " dendo præ viribus prodesse cuique; et præcavendo " alicui non obesse." It is then said that his success procured him enemies, from whose persecutions he fled for refuge (taking with him his portable property and his household servants) to the precincts of St. Augustine's Monastery. Here he, at his own cost, built several houses for the habitations of himself and of his following, and here, too, he made some kind of a profession, the nature of which formed the subject of future disputes. His own view of the matter was that he did not enter the Benedictine order as a professed monk, nor did he assume the monastic habit in any more binding sense than did those who, as was not unusual, were clad in the frock and cowl of the Franciscans when they arrived at the point of death. He intended to remain within the precincts of the abbey as long as his safety required him to keep out of the way of the King's partizans, and then, the danger past, he proposed to return to the *seculum*, and to resume his business. He was excused from all the burdensome observances to which he would have been liable if he had really been *professed* as a monk, and, in the words put by his advocate into the mouth of

the Pope: "nec teneretur in Ecclesia, Capitulo, Refec-
" torio, Claustro, seu alibi, pro divinis officiis vel aliis
" quibuscumque causis, cum monachis ejusdem monasterii
" convenire, neque se quovismodo actibus monasticis
" conformare; set libere manere in domibus suis ante-
" dictis ; protestans eciam expressius, quod per hujusmodi
" habitus assumptionem, professionem, moram quantum-
" cumque diutinam, aut quicquid aliud, non intendebat
" nec volebat se quomodolibet obligare ad aliquam obser-
" vantiam vel obedientiam regularem. Quæ omnia et
" singula, tam ante dictum ingressum, quam in ipso
" et post eum, fuerant expresse recepta, concessa,
" et approbata per Abbatem et monachos monasterii
" prædicti." After a time however (in 1330), when Peter wished and attempted to leave the monastery, a new Abbot sent an armed forced to detain him and his goods; took from him a notice of appeal which he had prepared; and, committing him to his own house as to a prison, fed him scantily and deprived him of all the consolations of divine services. By some means the prisoner's appeal reached the Curia, and the Pope appointed the Prior of Christ Church, William de Renham a Canon of St. Paul's, and the Official of the diocese to form a commission, charged with the duty of personally examining Peter (who during the examination was ordered to be freed from all restraint); and, if the Commissioners found that he was unlawfully imprisoned, they were empowered to restore him, "*pristinæ libertati.*" It will be noticed that the Prior considered the phrase "*pristinæ libertati*" to be ambiguous and unpractical. Lr. 511.

In obedience to the Pope's mandate the Prior of Christ Church and W. de Renham made various vain attempts to have their interview with the Abbot's prisoner, every kind of obstacle being thrown in their way by the monks of St. Augustine's; but at last they were admitted to the choir of the abbey, where they

saw Peter, but could have no private conversation with him. Among other childish stratagems the men of St. Augustine's refused to admit the Pope's delegates by the great gate of their abbey, and only consented to open their *parvum wykettum*, which was so low (as it is at this day) that every person on entering was forced to bow himself, as though he were making a humble obeisance upon entering the abbey. After the service of many citations and monitions, the judges were confounded by an apparently voluntary new profession publicly made by Peter in the choir of the abbey church,
Lr. 504. in which profession he confessed himself to be a properly *professed* monk, and subject in all matters to his Abbot. This of course ended the appeal, and no further mention is made of the case in the letters.

The Augustinian account of this matter is so far different from that stated above that, in justice to the Abbey, it ought to be reported. A short abstract of it is therefore given below.

Peter de Dene, "hujus monasterii defensor valens et conductor," found it necessary, after the death of Earl Thomas of Lancaster at Pontefract, to take shelter at St. Augustine's from the persecutions of the King's partizans—it is hinted that, in the confusion after the defeat at Boroughbridge, Peter stole all his brother John's plate and brought it with him to the abbey. He was admitted, as he stated above, as a quasi-monk, and having built houses *infra septa monasterii* he remained in securiry until 1330, and then he attempted to return to the world in a manner likely to bring scandal on the abbey. Thorn's narrative tells us that, on St. Lucy's day, John de Bourne, the rector of St. Martin's in Canterbury, came to dine with the Infirmarius of St. Augustine's, but in the middle of dinner he jumped up and said that he was appointed by the Consistory Court to examine Peter de Dene; and to him he went and with him he conversed privately. At supper-time, on that same day

Peter said to his servant: "Ego celebravi hodie, set non "ero in statu celebrandi crastina die, et ideo non impedias "me a sompno matutino." This he said in order that the flight which he meditated might not be discovered until late in the next day. During the night, with two servants, he crept out to the Cellarer's garden—having previously tampered with the lock of the door—and, passing across the garden, came to the boundary wall of the abbey. Here the rector of St. Martin's was waiting with ladders and horses, by means of which he escaped to the house of the rector's brother at Bishopsbourne. Before leaving St. Augustine's the fugitive encumbered himself with six silver dishes, six salts, and other objects of value. Three days after the flight Peter was found by the officials of the monastery concealed under a truss of hemp stalks at Bishopsbourne; and the Borsholder—the King's officer—having been called in to give a legal sanction to the arrest, he was carried back to the abbey; his servants, with the plate in their possession, being sent to the Archbishop's prison at Maidstone. After his capture three knights—Cobham, Valoynes, and de Bourne—came from the Archbishop to protest against the Abbot's proceedings; but their interference was useless, Peter was compelled to resume his monastic habit, and to receive the (Benedictine) tonsure; and not long after, having in the meantime been put upon low diet in the infirmary, he consented to make his unconditional profession as a monk; whereupon penance was enjoined upon him and he was absolved.

But still a longing for liberty made him restless, and he appealed to the Pope, with the result, as is related above, that he was again defeated, and again declared himself to be a member of the Benedictine order, and bound to observe the *regula* in all things.[1]

[1] More minute particulars relating to Peter's public employments and his acts as a Canon of York are collected in a paper printed in the Archæological Journal, Vol. xvii., p. 30.

The income of the Monastery.

As questions concerning the income of the Monastery of Christ Church and the expenses incurred by the Chapter in the maintenance of the services of the Church and of the hospitality of the House constantly arise in these letters, it is a cause for congratulation that the Treasurer's accounts during the 13th and 14th centuries can still be referred to.

The income received annually from rents, oblations, and other sources reached a large amount, and yet the Prior's letters show that debts were paid off by instalments, as if ready money were scarce; and the Chapter more than once begged to be excused from various contributions under the plea that the income of the Monastery was insufficient, or barely sufficient, to pay its necessary expenses. An examination of the above-mentioned accounts gives a very accurate picture of the domestic affairs of a great mediæval monastery, and shows how far the pleas of poverty were well or ill founded.

The first account in the records, that for the year 1207, is so complete in its arrangement as to prove that the system upon which the books were kept was the mature result of many years, perhaps ages, of practice. The entries are divided into the two grand classes of *Recepta* and *Expensa*, and these again into sections, in each of which are grouped together all the items of the year which are similar in kind; a *summa* being appended to each section, with a *summa summarum* at the end of each class.

The first item records the balance carried on from the previous year—*De remanente in arca* 4*s.* 7*d.*—and then follow the amounts received for arrears, rents, manorial dues, tithes, synodals, oblations, and obventions or casual receipts not falling under any of the regular heads. Among these latter are money received for the sale of pigs fattened on the refuse of the kitchen, of timber, and of worn out or superfluous horses. The total income for the year in question reached 1,460*l.* 10*s.* of the money of the time, whilst the expenses only amounting to

1,425*l.* 15*s.* 7*d.* left a balance *in arca* at the end of the year. In this year before striking the annual balance the Treasurers deducted under the heading: *Ex hiis deciderunt in igne, casura, cambio, et falsina* (loss by melting, mischance, exchange, and base money) 9*l.* 17*s.* 10*d.* This heading occurs in each year's accounts, but the amount of loss was extraordinarily large in the year in question. The way in which the *fretina*, or miscellaneous foreign coins, received from pilgrims was dealt with is explained by a letter on p. 108 of the present volume.

Before the end of the above-mentioned year the Convent was driven into exile, and, the administration of the estates being in the hands of Reginald de Cornhell, the administrator appointed by the King, the accounts of the Treasurers were necessarily intermitted; but seven years afterwards the monks returned to their home, and the Treasurers, resuming their functions, accounted for a sum of 982*l.* 4*s.* 10½*d.*, received between the beginning of June and the counting day at Michaelmas. It must be mentioned that one annually recurring item reads: *De emprunto scilicet de Magistro* ——, an item which, being set down as real profit, improperly swells the apparent balance, often by a considerable amount. It is not certain that these so-called loans were raised to relieve the necessities of the house, for in many cases the lender in successive years sometimes increased his balance by paying in farther amounts, and sometimes decreased it by receiving partial payments, thus giving the transaction the appearance of a current banking account, in which the so-called creditors made the deposits (no interest is mentioned), and the Chapter acted as the bankers. In other cases, however, it is stated that the *mutuum* was received: *De Romanis*, or, *De mercatoribus Florentinis*, and then it may safely be assumed that the Bardi and their associates did actually lend the money, and receive a substantial *usus* for the accommodation.

In 1219, which was an ordinary year, unmarked by any great festival, and the last before the *translation* of the relics of St. Thomas from the obscure *tumba* in the crypt to his magnificent new shrine in the upper church, the total receipts, including 80*l.* *de emprunto*, are set down at 1,527*l.* 13*s.* 9¼*d.* In the next year, when the splendid ceremony of the *translation* took place, it is not surprising to find that the attraction of the festival and the immense concourse of royal and noble pilgrims almost doubled the monastic income at one bound. It is to the credit of these pilgrims, coming together out of all lands, that from the gross receipts of the year, amounting to 2,707*l.* 12*s.* 9½*d.*, the Treasurers only claimed *allowance* of 4*l.* 3*s.* 6*d.* for exchange and base coin. The liberal contributions of the visitors—the *oblationes* of the accounts—of course was the chief source from which this flood of prosperity rolled in upon the Monastery, since it is plain that the usual rents and feudal dues would, in spite of the rush of visitors, remain an almost fixed quantity.

From the year of the translation onwards the income of the Convent remained permanently improved, and only on one or two occasions, during the period of nearly two centuries covered by these accounts, fell to so low an amount as before the inauguration of the shrine. For the six years preceding 1220 the receipts from all sources averaged 1,460*l.* 14*s.* 0¾*d.*, whilst for 1220 itself and the five following years the average was raised to 2,340*l.* 12*s.* Great fluctuations are found in the amounts received, some of which must be put down to promptness and slackness of tenants in their payments, good and bad seasons, and other similar causes; but even with these allowances wide variations still remain unaccounted for. Political convulsions do not as a rule appear to have influenced the prosperity of the Monastery either for good or ill; but it may be noticed, although no inference can safely be drawn from the fact, that the year of the *mise of Lewes* produced less than that of the *dictum of Kenil-*

worth by more than 600*l.*, the respective receipts being 1,589*l.* 5*s.* 8½*d.* and 2,201*l.* 12*s.* 3*d.*, a difference equal to, probably, at least 15,000*l.* of the money of our own time.

A more detailed examination of the whole of the accounts for some two contrasted years, that is to say, one of which was marked by great political disturbance and the other by comparative national tranquility, will give a fair idea of how far the monastic wealth was affected by the general adversity or prosperity of the people of England. Selecting then the years 1326–7 as one of revolution and foreign invasion and 1335–6 as the contrasted year of comparative prosperity, in which no King was forcibly dethroned, a probable cause of diminished income, and no Archbishop elected, a certain source of great expense, we find the balance sheets thus made up :—

RECEPTA.

	1326–7. £ s. d.	1335–6. £ s. d.
De remanente anni præteriti.	Nichil	74 7 3
De maneriis -	- 1,100 15 11¼	1,258 2 1

This latter item includes rents, arrears of rents, together with sales of wool and farming stock.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De arreragiis obedientiariorum.	39 12 0¼	13 2 0

The Sacrist, Custos Berthonæ, Cellarer, and other chief officers (denominated obedientiarii) had rents annexed to and settled upon their offices, for the proceeds of which they were bound to account.

	£ s d.	£ s. d.
De feodofirmis - -	81 9 9½	89 19 0

Produce of lands demised in perpetuity at a fixed rental.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De gabulis maneriorum -	61 6 2½	52 16 1¾

These were tolls and similar dues paid to the Chapter as lords of manors.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De diversis locis - -	166 15 $8\frac{3}{4}$	185 18 $2\frac{1}{2}$

This section includes rents of shops and houses in the city, sales of underwood, and the profits derived from the Wine of St. Thomas (in both years *nichil*).

	1326–7.	1335–6.
	£ s. d.	
De libertate - -	2 11 5	Nichil.

Dues coming to the Chapter as lords of manors, as distinguished from mere owners of the soil; such as waifs, strays, forfeited chattels of felons, &c.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De pensionibus - - -	24 6 0	1 12 6

Annual pensions were reserved to the Chapter out of the fruits of churches which were in their patronage, but not annexed to the monastery *in proprios usus;* also the annual sum due from the monks of the Abbey of Tynterne, who farmed the Irish manors of Christ Church, was reckoned under this head as a *pensio* (but being an Irish rent it yielded nothing in either of the years in question).

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De oblationibus - -	460 0 0	461 0 0

These offerings were made at the shrine, tomb, corona, and scene of the martyrdom of St. Thomas, at the high altar of the Cathedral, at the altar of St. Mary in the Crypt, and at the tomb of the quasi-canonised Abp. Winchelsey.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
De obventionibus - -	17 17 1	44 10 5

Miscellaneous receipts, in the two years, were derived from gifts made by three of the monks to the treasury of their monastery, and others given by laymen; from the value of the skin of a horse which died of disease; from that of a living horse sold by the Treasurers (13*s.* 4*d.*); and from the amount of a King's tenth,

collected from the London tenants but not yet paid into the royal Exchequer.

	£	s.	d.	
De debitis atterminatis -	1	11	0	Nichil.

This small sum was made up of 13 instalments paid by debtors, who were bound to make their payments on certain prefixed days.

	1326–7. £	s.	d.	1335–6. £	s.	d.
De mutuo de diversis amicis ad instantiam Domini H. Prioris.	160	0	0	——		

This entry certainly indicates a loan advanced for the accommodation of the Chapter, and not merely a banking transaction.

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Summa tocius recepti sine remanente.	2,093	3	8¼	2,107	1	2
Summa tocius recepti cum remanente.	2,093	3	8¼	2,181	8	5
Inde subtracta pro casura, cambio, etc.	0	13	8½	0	8	5
Et remanet ad expensa -	2,092	10	0	2,181	0	0

Expensa.

Per tallias - - -	908	2	1	875	19	4

This section includes the ordinary domestic expenses laid out by the Cellarer and other responsible officers, who were permitted to *indent* upon the treasury by means of cheques (*tallies*).

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Sine talliis - - -	332	7	8	817	12	1

These were cash payments for miscellaneous purchases and salaries, and in the MS. are divided into two distinct paragraphs, each of which has its separate summa, with

a sum total made by the addition of these two. The first includes wine purchased in France (56 hogsheads and 2 pipes, costing 132*l.*); a small quantity of wine bought in the city (20*s.*); and the cost of wheat, barley, malt, pease, and horse corn. The second division contains stipends of chantry priests, costs of enclosures, repairs of buildings, timber bought, two silver-gilt and enamelled cups and a vase given to the King and Queen, and sundry unspecified presents made by the Prior.

	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Solutiones pensionum -	1,326	7	0	18	6	8

These pensions are the retaining fees of five Counsel of the Convent (one of whom was Adam de Murymouth, the historian), and the stipends of two holders of corrodies. All the payments to Counsel were in both years in arrear, and (as is shown on pp. 59, 60, 70) Adam's claims were only grudgingly allowed at first.

	1326–7.			1335–6.		
	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Solutiones salariorum - -	13	14	2	5	0	0

These include the salaries of certain laymen having professional rank; among them being two or three proctors; Magister Egidius, Medicus (2*l.* 13*s.* 4*d.* a year); and Magistri W. and S., Sirurgici (each 13*s.* 4*d.*).

	£	*s.*	*d.*	£	*s.*	*d.*
Solutiones debitorum per tallias.	159	13	$9\frac{1}{4}$	222	6	1
Solutiones debitorum sine talliis.	224	1	$3\frac{1}{2}$	198	7	2

Under these heads are included old debts discharged, for the payment of which the Treasurers claimed credit; those of an ordinary kind being acquitted by tallies, whilst others, including the exactions of papal nuntii, and pensions due to alien monasteries on account of English churches, were settled in cash.

	£ s. d.	
Allocationes - - -	15 11 7	Nichil.

In these are included small sums for which the Treasurers ask *allowance*, pleading over-payments and errors of various kinds.

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Summa tocius expensi	2,046 10 8¾	2,317 11 4¼
Et remanet in annum futurum.	45 19 3¼	43 8 7¼

Here terminate the regular annual accounts, but in the MS. there follow many pages of memoranda forming an analysis of the debts owing by and to the Chapter. Among the latter are payments due from defaulting tenants, bailiffs of manors, and purchasers of produce; the accumulated arrears of the Irish *pension;* and those due from the King of France on account of the Wine of St. Thomas. The King of England in 1326 is charged with various sums of money lent or exacted by forced loans, amounting in all to 338*l.* 0*s.* 7*d.*, one of the items being an old liability which had been running since the time of Henry III. The last paragraph of all is headed: "*Debita quæ debet Conventus privatis et diversis amicis*"; in which are included all arrears of salary due to those officials who forbore to press the treasury for prompt payment; and arrears of the customary dues which the Convent owed to the Archbishops, who were evidently indulgent creditors.

From these two balance sheets it appears that the most unfavourable year possible, as far as the condition of the country was concerned, presented as good a state of financial affairs, within a few pounds, as the most favourable; that, in fact, the balance from the year before in one case, and the special loan contracted by the Prior's influence in the other, being deducted from the receipts, the year of peace and prosperity only outdid the year of revolution by 147*l.*; which advantage was to a great extent neutralized by the fact that in the more prosperous year the expenses exceeded by 91*l.* those of that which was less prosperous. In calculating

the relative purchasing power which money possessed at the time of the compilation of these accounts with that which it has in our day, it may be mentioned that in the early part of the 14th century a good sheep cost about 1*s.* 6*d.*, whilst in the present year of depressed markets only a poor specimen can be obtained for 30*s.*; hence measured by this standard we may multiply the above-given figures by at least 20 in order to arrive at the modern equivalents for the sums there set down.

The offerings at the several holy places in the church, which have been enumerated above, furnished a considerable proportion of the monastic income—roughly speaking, about one fifth—but the amount of these offerings varied much, nor is it easy to find in the circumstances of the times the rule which controlled the fluctuations.

In 1207, when the Convent was most oppressed by King John, and on the eve of being driven over sea to St. Bertin's and other French monasteries, the "offerings to St. Thomas," that is to say, the oblations made at the three holy places with which he was identified, amounted to 388*l.* 16*s.*; whilst in 1215, possibly because the sympathy excited by the adversity of the monks had died out with their returning prosperity, the amount offered only reached 93*l.* 12*s.* 6*d.*

Up to the year 1220 the gifts arising from the cultus of St. Thomas were collected at three altars: (1) that of the *Tumba* in which the Martyr lay buried in the Crypt; (2) that of the *Martyrium* or *Punctum ensis,* situated in the north transept, at the place where the Archbishop's blood was shed, and where the broken point of the sword of one of the murderers was displayed; and (3) at the *Corona*—the detached calvarium of the martyr—a relic which was adored in some part of the church which the histories do not specify; although there is reason to believe that it was kept in a portable box which usually lay upon the *Tumba.*

Before 1220 this *Corona* is only three times mentioned as the object of separate gifts, and it is probable that the offerings made in its honour were usually merged in those given to the *Tumba;* but after 1220 a special chapel to the east of the magnificent new shrine, to which Becket's relics were then translated, was built to receive the "Altar of the Corona," and instantly this *Corona*, ceasing to be a mere occasional recipient of oblations, assumed the second place in the popular estimation. The building, as well as the relic, was denominated "Becket's Crown," from the *Corona* there deposited, with, perhaps, some allusion to the crown-like form of the converging vaulting ribs of the roof of the chapel.

When the Shrine was added to the three holy places above mentioned the average offerings at the four places of pilgrimage greatly exceeded those which were collected at the three which previously existed. The Shrine naturally attracted the greater part of the stream of oblations, and was followed by the *Corona* (at which was usually collected about one fourth of the amount given to the shrine), after which came the *Martyrium* and the *Tumba,* whose joint receipts lagged far behind even those of the Corona. The *partes oblationum* for for the year 1237—an ordinary year—give the following proportions:

	£	s.	d.
De Feretro - - -	182	10	0
De Corona - - -	36	3	5
De Tumba - - -	11	1	0
De Martirio - - -	14	0	0

In the same year the other altars of the church attracted comparatively small sums, thus:

	£	s.	d.
De Magno Altari - -	12	10	0
De Sancta Maria (in Cryptis) -	0	8	0
De Cruce - - -	0	19	6
De Sancto Michaele - -	0	9	4

After a few years the altars of St. Michael and of the Holy Rood disappear from the accounts entirely, and the receipts at the High Altar, which are for years together recorded as *nichil*, seldom amounted to more than twenty or thirty shillings in any one year; but on the contrary the altar of Our Lady in the Crypt, after the foundation there of the Black Prince's chantry, became more attractive, so that its oblations approached in value those of the *Corona*.

The letters contain several allusions to legacies and gifts of ornaments to the Shrine, but it is reserved for the Treasurers' accounts to record the fact that King Henry VIII. was not the first to rob it and the church of some of their *jocalia*. In proof of this, under the dates 1372–3 are these entries amongst the *obventiones*:

	£	*s.*	*d.*
De una cappa venerabilis Lanfranci cremata, et de diversis jocalibus fucis (fusis) venditis - - - - -	116	6	8
De duabus casulis venerabilis Lanfranci crematis, cum aliis diversis jocalibus fucis venditis - - - -	138	12	0

Item: receptæ, per manus Domini Ricardi Prioris, centum libræ, de diversis ymaginibus feretri Beati Thomæ Martiris fucis venditis.

That is to say, Archbishop Lanfranc's ancient vestments were burnt to recover the gold from the orphreys, and the ornaments of the shrine were melted and sold, not furtively, but under the direction of Prior Gillingham.

LITERÆ CANTUARIENSES.

495.—LITTERA DIRECTA DOMINO JOHANNI DE COBEHAM, TAXATORI ET COLLECTORI X^{mæ} ET XV^{mæ} IN COMITATU KANCIA, PRO OVIBUS NOSTRIS DE THESAURARIA NOSTRA ET DE MANERIO DE CLYVE NON TAXANDIS.

8 Jan. 1333.

L. 29 *a*.

The Prior asks the Collector of a tenth and a fifteenth to deal favourably with the Convent in the taxation of their stock at Cliff-at-Hoo, and,

A seon cher amy et byen ame en Dyeu Munsire Johan de Cobeham, Richard, par la suffraunce de Dyeu Priour del Eglyse de Canterbire, salutz, et seynte de cors et dalme. Purceoqe nous avoms purchace brefs le Roy, a vous et a vos compaygnons chefz taxours et coyllours del disme et xvme le Roy en le counte de Kent, pur nous et nos tenans, sycome nostre cunseyl n(o)us cunseyla; les queux brefs nostre cher et byen ame en Dyeu Munsire Johan de Ifeld nostre Seneschal vous bailera, sicome nous entendums. Et nos

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495.

To his dear friend and well-beloved in God Sir John de Cobham, Richard, by God's permission Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, and health of body and soul. Whereas we have obtained king's writs, directed to you and to your fellows the Chief Taxors and Collectors of the King's tenth and fifteenth in the County of Kent, on behalf of us and our tenants, as our counsel recommended us to do; which writs our dear and well-beloved in God Sir John de Ifield, our Seneschal, will deliver to you, as we are given to understand. Now as

lest the tenants should pass off their own sheep as those of the Convent, he sends the number of those on the manor belonging to the Convent.

berbys, apertenaus a nostre tresorie et a nostre manoir de Clyve, sunt taxes en divers hundres par vos sutztaxours, sicome le portour de cestis vous savera enfourmer, nous, affians en les grantz amistes et bienfetz qe vous nous avez fet avant cest houre, pur les queux nous et nostre Covent vous sumes mut tenu, cherement vous prioms qe as ditz brefs, nous et nos tenans touchantz, save vostre honur, voillez estre favorable. Et purceoqe nous ne volums qe nul de nos tenans, ne autres en ky meyn nos berbys sunt trovez, se puysse covenir de ces berbys demene taxer, par colur de noz berbys, en deceyte de nostre Seignur le Roy ne de vous; de nos dites berbys vous maundums la summe, la quele est m^{l}m^{l} et xiiij. berbys, des queux nous vous prioms qe santz taxer ou damage aver ordeyne nous soit remedye. Adyeo qi vous save et vous meyntiegne en grant honur. Done a Canterbire le viij. jour de Jenever, etc.

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12 Jan. (1333).

L. 29 *b*.

496.—Littera credenciæ missa Domino Willelmo de Denom pro attornato nominando et faciendo.

The Prior, entangled in three law suits, asks a Judge to recognize a person, to be named to him by the Counsel of the Convent, as Attorney for the Chapter.

A son treschier amy et bien amez en Dieu Monsire William de Denom, Richard, etc. salutz, et saunte de corps et dalme. Moult vous mercioms de toutz biens et honurs, qe fait nous avez et a nostre Esglise, et unqore frez sil vous plest. Et vous prioms qe crere voillez a nostre chier et bien amez Thomas de Medmenhamme, portour de cestes, et recordier pur nous et pur les noz un attorne le quiel le dit Thomas vous nommera, en troys brefs, ou nous sumes pleintifs en lun, et en les deux defendantz; et foy donier al dit Thomas de chose qil vous dira de par nous, pur le droit de nostre Esglise sauvier. Et moult nous peise

our sheep appropriated to our Treasury, and our manor of Cliff, are taxed by your Sub-Taxors in separate hundreds, as the bearer of these will be able to inform you, we, trusting to the great friendship and benevolence that you have hitherto showed us, for which we and our Convent are truly bound to you, earnestly pray that you will be pleased to favourably consider these writs which concern us and our tenants, as far as your honour will allow. And because that we do not desire that any of our tenants, nor anyone else in whose hands our sheep may be found, shall by pretext of their being our sheep contrive to have his own sheep taxed (upon our favourable scale), which would be a fraud upon the King and you; we send you the sum total of those sheep which are ours, namely 2,014 sheep, concerning which we beg you to provide relief, not taxing them or causing us to suffer injury. Adieu, &c.

496.

To his very dear friend and well-beloved in God Sir William de Denom, Richard, &c., greeting, &c., and health of body and soul. We thank you exceedingly for all the benefits and honours which you have already done to us and to our Church, and which, may it please you, you will do in the future. And we beg that you will give credit to our dear and well-beloved Thomas de Medmenham, bearer of these, and enter for us and ours the name of an attorney, whom the said Thomas will name to you, in three writs, in one of which we are plaintiffs, and in the other two defendants; and give credence to the said Thomas in what he shall say to you,

qe nous avoms si pou daqeintaunce de vous, par defaute dentreparlance entre nous, de quey il serra adresse[1] si nous vous puissoms une foith parlier, dont vous prioms si vous vienez en noz parties qe a nous venier voillez com al vostre, de quey nous serroms joyous, et lee de laqueintaunce especialment affermier. A Dieu, etc. Done a Canterbire le xij. jour de Janivoir.

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12 Jan. (1333).

L. 29 *b*.

A letter of similar tenor addressed to another counsel of the convent.

497.—Littera missa Domino Adæ de Stangre pro eodem negotio.

Salutem in Auctore salutis. Pro utilitate vestri laboris et efficacis amicitiæ, quæ nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ frequenter solatium relevationis afferebat, vobis gratiarum actiones referimus cumulatas; ex affectu vos rogantes, quatinus dilecto nostro Thome de Medmenhamme, latori præsentium, fidem indubiam adhibere velitis, in hiis quæ vobis dicet ex parte nostra quoad quosdam attornatos pro nobis, si placet, per vos nominandos. Valete in Christo. Dat. ut supra.

12 Jan. (1333).

L. 29 *b*.

The Prior thanks a lawyer for favours conferred in connexion with the business of the Convent.

498.—Littera regrationis missa Domino Elye de Grymmesby pro labore et expensis nobis factis.

Salutem, etc. Pro utilitate, etc. *ut patet in proxima littera supradicta usque ad illud verbum* cumulatas, et præcipue pro labore et expensis vestris factis circa xvj. brevia regia, nuper pro nobis, non nostris meritis sed vestra continua benignitate, per vos perquisita pro salvatione juris Ecclesiæ nostræ; quæ brevia una cum litteris vestris per nuntium nostrum nobis transmisistis,

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[1] *redresse?*

on our part, and for the salvation of the rights of our Church. And it grieves us greatly that we have so little personal knowledge of you, from lack of opportunities of conversing, for which there will be a remedy if once we can speak with you; hence we beseech you, that if ever you come into our parts, you will please to come to us as to your own; whereof we should be rejoiced, and especially glad to draw closer the bond of our acquaintance. Adieu, &c.

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nos vobis specialiter obligantes. Valete in Christo, nobis cum fiducia rescribentes vel mittentes, si aliqua vos concernant quæ per nos valuerint feliciter expediri. Dat. ut supra.

499.—Responsio litteræ Domini Johannis Cicestrensis Episcopi de uno calice amallato ad feretrum Beati Thomæ Martyris per ipsum oblato. 16 Jan. (1333). L. 29 *b*.

John de Langton Bishop of Chichester is thanked for a precious chalice offered for him at the Shrine of St. Thomas.

Venerabili in Christo Patri Domino Johanni, Dei gratia Cicestrensi Episcopo, Ricardus, permissione ejusdem Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem, et quicquid reverentiæ potuerit et honoris. Litteras vestræ reverendæ paternitatis recepimus xvj° die Januarii circa horam nonam, per Dominum Thomam de Scarles clericum vestrum; quibus, coram nobis et fratribus nostris in Capitulo nostro, statim post earum receptionem, perlectis, recepimus a dicto Domino Thoma unum calicem pretiosum, ad feretrum Beati Thomæ Martyris nomine vestro oblatum; quo mediante pro salute vestra, Ipso juvante qui est omnium vera salus, ad altare dicti feretri in missis celebrandis temporibus succedentibus, juxta vestræ voluntatis affectum, summo Regi preces salutares specialiter offerentur. Valeat et vigeat vestra benigna paternitas in

Domino per tempora diutina. Datum Cantuariæ xvj° die Januarii supradicto.

(Jan. 1333.)

L. 29 *b*.

500.—Littera directa Magistro Thomæ de Foxton super quibusdam negotiis ipsum contingentibus, inter nos et eundem modo privato proloquutis.

The Prior alludes mysteriously to some favour which he has hoped to obtain for Thomas de Foxton, but in which hope he has hitherto been disappointed.

Salutem in salute vera. Recepimus litteras vestras in Vigilia Epiphaniæ Domini, quibus inspectis et intellectis, incepimus considerare quædam personam vestram concernentia, quæ inter nos, sicut scitis, modo privato nuper fuerant proloquuta; pro quibus modo secretiori et convenientiori, nostros confratres seniores sæpe probantes et examinantes, studuimus laborare; sed ex labore nostro, juxta nostri desiderii affectum, optatus et efficax effectus nullatenus generatur. Nec adhuc potuimus allicere confratres nostros ut voluntas vestra, nobis viva voce vestra secretius intimata, efficaciter impleatur. Hac ratione, nos, unitatem fraternæ caritatis quoad vestram petitionem expectantes, vobis temporibus retroactis non scripsimus, secundum quod inter nos fuerat ordinatum. Valete, etc.

18 Jan. 1333.

L. 30 *b*.

501.—Littera missa Jacobo Frysel de gratia facienda tenentibus nostris de Halton pro suo juramento nobis facto non observato.

The tenants of Risborough, having broken their sworn promise, ask for indulgence which the Prior refuses.

Salutem etc. Recepimus litteras vestras quas bene intelleximus, et consuluimus tenentibus nostris de Halton, qui venerunt ad nos, sicut scitis, pro gratia habenda, ut ad(h)irent Pœnitentiarium pro suo juramento, nobis prius facto, non observato, et ipsi annuebant nostræ voluntati. Postea, juxta consilium vestrum, recepimus a dictis tenentibus novum juramentum, quærentes ab eis pro sua transgressione quadraginta

marcas; ipsi vero quæsierunt relaxationem; nos respondimus, quod nichil relaxare vellemus antequam constaret nobis de eorum gestibus futuris temporibus melioratis. Hæc diximus ad terrorem, discretioni vestræ correctionem vel punitionem prædictorum tenentium totaliter relinquentes. Dat. Cantuar. xviijmo die Januarii, anno Domini M°CCC°XXXIJ°.

22 Jan. 1333.

502.

A feigned receipt given in the matter of the wine of St. Thomas. On the face of it it appeared that the Exchequer had paid to the Convent a hundred pounds on account of a debt owing by the King to Launge, which the latter acknowledged as a payment on account. But this payment never took place.

Memorandum: quod xxij° die Januarii, anno Domini MCCCXXXIJ° misimus, per Petrum nuntium nostrum, Domino Johanni Lange, Militi, civi Parisiensi, unam acquietantiam sigillo præpositurææ Parisiensis signatam, in qua continebatur: quod dictus Dominus Johannes Lange recepit a Domino Edwardo, Dei gratia Rege Angliæ a conquesto tertio, centum libras sterlingorum, per manus religiosorum virorum Prioris et Capituli Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariæ. Et memorandum quod hujusmodi recognitio receptionis fuit vocalis sed non realis.

503.—Littera missa Domino Simoni Archiepiscopo de negotio P. de Dene et de morte J. de Dene.

4 Feb. (1333).

L. 30 *b*.

The Prior goes over the history of his visit to St. Augustine's in the matter of Peter de Dene, and he asks the Archbishop

Quicquid potuerit obedientiæ, reverentiæ, et honoris. Pater reverende, Magister Willelmus de Renham et ego accessimus, xiiij° die Novembris ultimo præterito, ad Monasterium Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, pro informatione habenda super statu Petri de Dene, juxta mandatum apostolicum nobis directum; et ibidem fecimus monitiones sub certa forma, quam, una cum processu nostro et aliis actibus dictum Petrum contingentibus, vobis ex parte mea lator præsentium

to press his co-executor to come to Canterbury to put an end to the business.

demonstrabit. Et quia, sicut scitis, scribitur: "omnia cum consilio," etc. humiliter supplico paternitati vestræ, quatinus præcipere velitis clericis vestris ut dictum processum vestrum, unacum aliis actibus hujusmodi processum concernentibus, diligenter examinentur. Quibus examinatis, michi, vestro, dignemini renuntiare qualiter securius et melius fuerit procedendum in negotio memorato; scientes quod collega meus multipliciter se excusat, quod non valet hac vice mecum procedere ad exequendum finaliter mandatum apostolicum nobis pro dicto negotio transmissum. Et ideo, si placet, excitetis dictum Magistrum Willelmum per litteras vestras, ut, prætermissis suis excusationibus, ad Cantuariam accedat, mecum ulterius in dicto negotio, juxta juris exigentiam, processurus. Valeat vita vestra in Christo, qui propicietur animæ Johannis de Dene qui, die Jovis proximo ante festum Purificationis proxime præteritum, diem suum clausit extremum; per cujus decessum officium senescalliæ Aulæ Hospitum Ecclesiæ vestræ ad præsens vacat, ubi habetis alium Senescallum præficere, juxta arbitrium vestræ voluntatis. Dat. Cantuar. iiij^to die Februarii.

(Feb. 1333.)

L. 30 *b.*

504.—Alia littera missa Magistro W. de Renham de eodem negotio.

The co-executor is begged to come to Canterbury to end the affair of Peter de Dene, a copy of Peter's recantation being enclosed in the letter.

Salutem in vera salute. Recepimus nuper litteras vestras, quibus intellectis, vocavimus consilium nostrum, cum quo consideravimus de modo ulteriori procedendi in negotio concernente P. de Dene, et, tractatu præhabito, videtur nobis, quod tutius et honorabilius possemus in præsentia vestra quam absentia declinare at Monasterium Sancti Augustini pro executione negotii supradicti; et idcirco ex affectu vos rogamus, quatinus, quamcitius commode potueritis, accedere velitis ad nos apud Cantuariam vos expectantes; ut sic quæ per nos aliqualiter fuerant inchoati, per nos

etiam feliciter finiantur. Adhuc mittimus vobis copiam cujusdam sermonis, præsentibus interclusis, quem P. de Dene, die Sancti Blasii proximo præterito ante prandium, prædicavit in choro Monasterii Sancti Augustini supradicti, coram notario et aliis personis, tam clericis quam secularibus, in multitudine copiosa; quam copiam demonstretis, si placet, Officiali Curiæ Cantuariensis, et Decano de Arcubus si decreveritis hoc esse faciendum. Valete, etc. Tenor vero sermonis supradicti talis est:

In nomine Dei, Amen. Ego Petrus de Dene, monachus Monasterii Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, fateor me nec vim nec metum passum, nec vi nec metu ductum esse, sed ab omni vi et metu liberum in præsenti. The text of Peter de Dene's recantation.

Item: fateor me monachum in ordine Sancti Benedicti, et Monasterio Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ canonice professum fuisse et esse in præsenti.

Item: protestor me nolle a statu monachali nec a professione mea hujusmodi recedere, nec ipsum nec ipsam impugnare de cetero quovismodo.

Item: non obstante vi vel metu quocunque, si quæ vel quis tempore professionis hujusmodi, ante, vel post, michi illatus extiterit, propter quod professio mea hujusmodi calumpniari, vel quicquam ejus formæ vel effectui derrogari possit vel impingi, ipsam professionem approbo et ratifico in hiis scriptis.

Item: proclamationibus seu protestationibus de statu meo monachali ad statum secularem per me a tempore professionis hujusmodi factis, necnon provocationibus et appellationibus, querelis, litteris apostolicis impetratis vel impetrandis, ac processibus quibuscunque, per me seu alium nomine meo, habitis, factis, seu interjectis, et specialiter litteris apostolicis in Curia Romana

nomine meo impetratis, ac Domino Priori Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, Magistro Willelmo de Renham Canonico Londoniensi, et Officiali Cantuariensi, in hac parte nuper directis, pure, sponte, libere, et absolute renuntio per præsentes. Et juro ad hæc sancta Dei Evangelia, per me corporaliter tacta, me omnia et singula præmissa perpetuis temporibus firmiter observaturum.

(Feb. 1333.)

L. 31 *a*.

505.—LITTERA MISSA FRATRI THOMÆ GUODWYNESTON DE QUADAM EXECUTIONE FACTA PER DOMINUM ICHERIUM CONTRA DOMINUM ARCHIEPISCOPUM PRO AUGUSTINIENSIBUS, ET DE QUADAM INHIBITIONE; AC DE MORTE J. DE DENE, ET DE NEGOTIO P. DE DENE.

The Archbishop's resident monk is reminded of the sentence which hangs over the Archbishop on account of the unpaid costs of his suit with St Augustine's. And a report follows of the recantation made in the choir of St. Augustine's by Peter de Dene.

Salutem. Non recessit a memoria qualiter, die Veneris proximo ante festum Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ, contra Dominum Archiepiscopum factæ fuerunt quædam monitiones, quæ continebantur in processu Domini Icherii, cujus processus copiam non possumus habere Domino nostro communi transmittendam: virtus tamen processus, sicut intelleximus a quodam viro discreto quem non latet hujusmodi processus, talis est: *Monebatur Dominus Cantuariensis, die Veneris proxime supradicto, quod infra xxx. dies satisfaciat Augustinensibus de septingentis libris, et si non fecerit sit suspensus ab ingressu ecclesiæ; et si per alios xxx. dies non satisfecerit, etc. sit suspensus a divinis; tertio, si per alios xxx. dies sequentes non satisfecerit, etc. sit excommunicatus.* Hæc vobis scribimus, consilio Domini nostri, et ulterius, si fuerit expediens, Domino nostro, notificanda. Et quia inter nos fuit loqutum de quadam inhibitione quam Dominus habet penes se, ut credimus, cujus copiam habere multum affectamus, volumus quod vos faciatis copiari dictam inhibitionem,

et nobis hujusmodi copiam per latorem præsentium, transmittatis; scientes quod per talem missionem in inmensum poteritis nos placare. Adhuc vobis mittimus copiam cujusdam sermonis, præsentibus interclusis, quem P. de Dene, die Sancti Blasii proximo præterito, prædicavit ante prandium in choro Monasterii Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, coram notario et aliis personis, tam clericis quam secularibus, in multitudine copiosa; quam copiam demonstretis consilio Domini nostri, et ulterius Domino, si suum consilium decreverit hoc esse faciendum. Valete in Christo, super hiis et aliis, Dominum et vos contingentibus, voluntatem vestram nobis rescribentes, etc.

506.—Littera missa Domino Regi Franciæ pro vinis nostris ibidem.

28 Jan. 1333.
L. 30 *a*.

The Prior complains to Philip VI. that John Launge has got six years in arrear with his payments for the Wine of St. Thomas, and he asks the King to interpose.

Excellentissimo Principi, Domino Philippo, Dei gratia Regi Franciæ illustris, sui humiles et devoti Ricardus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem, et orationum suffragia devotarum. Celebris memoriæ Dominus Ludovicus Rex Franciæ, ob devotionem et dilectionem quas habuit ad beatum et gloriosum martyrem Thomam dudum Ecclesiæ nostræ Archiepiscopum, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ supradictæ centum modios vini in perpetuam elemosinam concessit, percipiendos in castellaria Pissiaci annuatim. Sed Dominus J. Launge, miles, civis Parisiensis, procurator noster ad dicta vina colligenda et percipienda ad opus nostrum, de hujusmodi vinis nostris, ab ipso per sex annos proxime præteritos collectis, nobiscum plenarie computare, ac nobis solvere quæ tenetur, efficaciter non curavit. Quocirca vestræ regiæ serenitati humiliter supplicamus, quatinus, pro amore et honore gloriosi martyris Thomæ prædicti, præfato Domino Johanni præcipere dignemini, ut de singulis arreragiis centum modiorum prædictorum de sex annis

proxime præteritis, sine moræ majoris dispendio, nobis satisfacere non omittat. Valeat et vigeat vestra regia celsitudo in Christo, cui pro incolumitate vestra hostias offerimus sacrificii salutaris, et glorioso mar-

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22 Jan. 1333.

L. 30 *a*.

507.—Alia littera supplicatoria missa Dominæ Johannæ Comitissa de Hanow pro eodem negotio.

The Countess of Hainault, sister of Philip VI. is asked to intercede with her brother in the matter of the Wine of St. Thomas.

A sa tres honurable dame Dame Johann Contesse de Hanow, le soen Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu, etc., salutz, et totes reverences et honurs, ove la joye pardurable. Treschere Dame, nous mercioms molt a Dieu et a vous pur la grant devocion qe vous avez a Seint Thomas et a nostre Esglise de Canterbire, et del grant honur qe vous nous faites quant vous fuistes drein en Engleterre, pour quey nous sumes tenuz toutz jours a vous et as toutz les voz. Et pur ceo, treschere Dame, qe nous avoms maunde une lettre a tresnoble Prince, et vostre trescher frair, Sire Phillippe Roy de France, qe luy plese commaundier a Monsire Johan Launge, chivaler et citezein de Parys, qil nous paie aplustost qil puist les deniers qil nous deit de vj. anz dreynz passez de nos vins en Fraunce, les queux le dit Monsire Jon ad receu sicom nostre procuratour; devoutement vous prioms qe vous nous voillez granter vostre lettre al dit noble Roy vostre frere, qe luy plese nostre devoute priere benignement oyer et graciousement esploiter. A Dieu, chere Dame, etc. Dat. ut supra.

22 Jan. 1333.

L. 30 *a*.

508.—Tertia littera missa Domino J. Launge pro dictis vinis nostris Franciæ.

A letter on the same sub-

A son bon et fyable amy Monsire J. Launge, Chivaler, Richard, etc. saluz, et bon amistiez. Sachez,

tyri Thomæ preces effundimus speciales. Datum in Capitulo nostro xxij[do] die Januarii sub sigillo nostro communi, anno Domini MCCCXXXIJ[do], secundum cursum Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ.

507.

To his right honourable Lady, the Lady Joan Countess of Hainault, her devoted Richard, by God's permission &c. greeting, and all manner of reverences, and honours, and joy everlasting. Most dear Lady, we heartily thank God and you for the great devotion which you feel towards St. Thomas and our Church of Canterbury, and for the honour which you did us when you were last in England, wherefore at all times to come we are bound to you and to all yours. And whereas, very dear Lady, we have sent a letter to that most noble prince and your very dear brother the Lord Philippe King of France, asking that it may please him to command Sir John Launge, knight, and burgess of Paris, to pay us, at the earliest date that he can, the money which he owes us in respect of our wines in France for the last six years, which the said Sir John has received as our proctor; we devoutly pray that you will be pleased to give us a letter to the said noble King your brother, to the effect that he will be pleased benevolently to listen to our devout prayer and graciously to grant it. Adieu, &c.

508.

To his good and trusty friend Sir John Launge, Knight, Richard, &c., greeting and true friendship. Know,

ject sent to Launge himself. Sire, qe nous avoms suy en la court nostre Seignur le Roy Dengleterre ove la quitaunce[1] de cent livres qe vous nous mandastes, la quele nous vous remaundoms par le portour de cestes. Et auxi sovent avoms prie a la compeignie de Barde, de par vous et par lamour de nous, qil vous duissent aider qe les deniers, qe vous nous devez pur noz vins de Fraunce, fuissent paiez a nous en florins ou en esterlings. Voillez savoir qe nous avoms tieu respons de la Court nostre Seignur le Roy et de la dite Compeignie, qil ne covient mye qe vous nous travoillez plus de suire par cele voye. Et pur ceo qe nous avoms hastivement abusoigner, vous prioms cherement qe vous nous voillez paier toutz les deniers qe vous nous devez de noz arrerages, aplustost com vous le poez esploiter. Tant voillez faire, cher Sire, benignement endroit de ceste chose pur lamour de Seint Thomas, a cui vous avez bien et lealment servi et unqore servez, qe nous ne ayoms mestier par aillours nen altri court querre remedye; kar nous harreyoms molt de vous travoiller. Vostre volente, cher Sire, endroit de cestes choses nous voillez remaundier par le portour avantdit. Don. ut supra.

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18 Feb. 1333.

L. 31 *a*.

509.—Littera concessa per nos Thomæ de Bysschoppiston Senescallo Aulæ Hospitum super liberatione attornato suo ministrando.

The Steward of the Guesten Hall at Canterbury is in constant

Richardus permissione divina Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis Prior humilis, dilecto nobis in Christo Thomæ de Bysschoppiston, Senescallo Aulæ Hospitum Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Attendens reverendus pater noster Dominus

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[1] This is the abortive receipt alluded to in 502.

Sieur, that we have applied in the Court of our Lord the King of England with the receipt for a hundred pounds which you sent us, and which we return to you by the bearer of these. And also we have often prayed the Company of the Bardi, on your behalf and for love of us, that they would help to procure that the money which you owe us for our French wines might be paid to us in florins or in sterling money. Please to understand that we have received such answers from the Court of our Lord the King, and from the said Company, that it is not becoming for us to be farther troubled by you to sue in the present way. And therefore, as we are in pressing need, we earnestly pray you that you will be pleased to pay us all the money which you owe us for arrears, as soon as you can accomplish it. Be pleased kindly to do so much in this matter, dear Sieur, for the love of St. Thomas whom you have hitherto loyally served and in whose service you still are, so that we may not have need to seek a remedy elsewhere, or in any Court of Law, for we really hesitate to press you. Please to send word of your intentions in these matters by the bearer aforesaid.

Symon Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus totius Angliæ Primas obsequium tuum, quod ei præsentialiter impendis, sibi perutile pariter et gratum existere, suis instanter litteris nos pulsavit, quatinus, tibi quamdiu suis obsequiis institeris, ut per attornatum ydoneum nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ, in officio senescalliæ prædictæ, ministrare valeas, et stipendia consueta percipere ac si personaliter in dicto officio ministrares, specialem licentiam concedere curaremus. Nos igitur, beneplacito patris nostri prædicti favorabiliter annuentes, tecum, ut per attornatum tuum vel alium virum ydoneum, quem ad præsentationem seu nomi-

personal attendance on the Archbishop, and therefore, at the request of the latter, he is to be allowed to perform his duties by deputy but to receive his salary in person.

nationem tuam duxerimus acceptandum, totum servitium quod ad dictam senescalliam pertinet, quamdiu obsequiis dicti patris institeris, facere valeas et exercere, ac propter hoc feoda, liberationes, et stipendia, necnon emolumenta omnia et singula Senescallis nostris hujusmodi personaliter in dicto officio ministrantibus debita et consueta, adeo plene percipere debeas ac si persona propria totum servitium faceres antedictum, tenore præsentium dispensamus, ac tibi gratiam et licentiam concedimus specialem. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Dat. Cantuar. in Prioratu nostro prædicto, decimo octavo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini M°CCC^mo^XXXIJ^do^.

9 March (1333).

L. 28 *a*.

510.—LITTERA DIRECTA PROCURATORI NOSTRO IN CURIA ROMANA PRO QUIBUSDAM CONCERNENTIBUS PERSONAM NOSTRAM.

The Prior asks his proctor at the Curia to obtain for him the privilege of choosing his own confessor, and to get for that confessor the power of absolving in cases usually reserved to the Curia.

Salutem in Christo. Vobis reddimus gratiarum actiones pro quadam commissione, quam, ad nostram instantiam, impetrastis a Domino Gaucelino Pœnitentiario Domini nostri Papæ; vos ex affectu rogantes iterata vice, quatinus instare pro persona nostra velitis exhabundanti erga prædictum Pœnitentiarium, ut ipse dignetur, per suas litteras, nobis concedere potestatem eligendi confessorem nostrum juxta parvitatem nostræ discretionis; et habeat ipse Confessor, per nos eligendus, si fieri possit, potestatem absolvendi nos in quibuscunque casibus Curiæ reservatis, exceptis certis casibus quos ipse Pœnitentiarius Domini Papæ decreverit, per litteras suas nobis dirigendas ut credimus, specialiter excipiendos. Instetis etiam ex parte nostra exhabundanti erga prædictum Pœnitentiarium Domini Papæ, ut ipse velit concedere pœnitentiario, sicut præscripsimus per nos eligendo, potestatem dispensandi nobiscum super irregularitate, si quam contraxerimus indiscrete nos miscentes divinis; et fiat

petitio vestra, ex parte nostra, ita universalis in hac parte sicut fieri potest, exceptis certis casibus quos dictus Pœnitentiarius Domini Papæ duxerit excipiendos. Expensas vero pro ipsis impetrandis per vestræ prudentiæ diligentiam faciendas, juxta vestram informationem nobis intimandam, super hiis intendimus ministrare. Valete, super hiis et aliis litteris nostris per nos vobis tarde directis, ac de contingentibus Ecclesiam nostram in Curia, et de statu vestro, per latorem præsentium rescribentes.

511.—Littera missa Magistro H. de Idesworth pro consilio habendo super negotiis tangentibus P(etrum) de Dene. (Mar. 1333.) L. 26 *b*.

Salutem, etc. Placeat vobis adhibere fidem dilecto amico nostro Magistro W. de Renham, latori præsentium, in hiis quæ vobis dicet ex parte nostra et sua. Adhuc, non latet vos, ut intelleximus, bulla quæ nobis et vobis ac dicto Magistro W. directa est, pro quibusdam negotiis contingentibus Petrum de Dene; pro cujus bullæ executione nos et prædictus Magister W., xiiij° die Novembris proxime præterito, juxta mandatum Apostolicum, accessimus ad Monasterium Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, et ibidem in domo Capitulari, coram Domino Wygorniensi, et nobis, et prædicto Magistro W., et aliis fratribus dicti monasterii, et aliis personis secularibus in multitudine copiosa, et in præsentia notariorum, perlegebatur bulla supradicta; qua perlecta, pars adversa emisit protestationem quod contra nos et alias personas quascunque, si oporteret, suas justas diffentiones haberet, et magna altercatio erat de quibusdam rasuris in dicta bulla contentis. Verumptamen, non obstantibus hujusmodi protestatione et altercatione, nos, juxta discretionem consilii nostri, fecimus monitionem sub forma quæ sequitur:

The Prior and other judges delegated by the Apostolic See have attended at St. Augustine's to enforce the liberation of Peter de Dene, a boarder in St. Augustine's, who has been imprisoned by the Abbot. The Augustinians have protested, and difficulties have been found in interpreting the words of the Papal bulls.

"Nos igitur Prior Cantuariensis et Willelmus de Renham Canonicus Londoniensis ecclesiarum, executores mandati Apostolici supradicti, sub forma in eodem contenta, volentes hujusmodi mandatum Apostolicum exequi reverenter, auctoritate Sedis Apostolicæ supradictæ vobis Domino Abbati Monasterii Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, ac Conventui loci ejusdem, et cuilibet de Conventu prædicto, præfatum mandatum Apostolicum, ac universa et singula in ipso contenta, insinuamus, notificamus, et ad vestram notitiam deducimus; vosque Abbatem et Conventum prædictos requirimus et monemus, primo, secundo, et tertio, communiter et divisim, ac peremptorie, et in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ qua dictæ Sedi tenemini, sub pœnis suspensionis ab ingressu ecclesiæ, et excommunicationis majoris, in Dominum Abbatem dicti Monasterii et majores personas ejusdem Monasterii, et interdicti ecclesiastici in Monasterium vestrum canonice proferendis, districte præcipimus et mandamus, quatinus Petrum, de quo in mandato Apostolico prædicto fit mentio, in vestra potestate invite detento, ut dicitur, infra novem dies, ab hac die monitionis nostræ vobis factæ continue numerandas, quorum primos tres dies pro prima, et tres alios proxime sequentes pro secunda, et alios tres dies residuos pro tertia, et termino peremptorio, assignamus, exhibiatis seu exhiberi faciatis ut, ipso Petro in statu libertatis posito, dictum mandatum Apostolicum plene, quatenus nos contingit, exequi valeamus, prout dictum mandatum exigit et requirit."

Adhuc, vobis, ex certa causa, scribimus unam clausulam in dicta bulla contentam, sub forma quæ sequitur nobis transmissa et collegis nostris:

"Johannes Episcopus, servus servorum Dei, etc. Discretioni vestræ per Apostolica scripta mandamus, quatinus vos, vel duo, aut unus vestrum ad dictum Monasterium pariter accedentes, dicto Petro prius in statu libertatis posito, cum ipso de prædictis, et utrum confessio, approbatio, ratificatio, et renuntiatio

hujusmodi, quæ per eundem Petrum factæ fuisse dicuntur et in instrumento designantur eodem, sint veræ, nec devient a tramite veritatis, informationem recipere studeatis; et si per informationem hujusmodi repereritis confessionem, approbationem, ratificationem, et renuntiationem præfatas, in dicto instrumento ut præmittitur contentas, a veritatis substantia deviare, præfatum Petrum, auctoritate nostra, restitui faciatis pristinæ libertati."

Hæc sunt verba bullæ sed magna altercatio est, et erit ut timemus, apud nos, qualiter prima libertas distinguitur a secunda, et quid intelligitur per primam libertatem et quid per secundam quæ dicitur *pristina*. Ac etiam disputatio multiplex est apud nos, et erit ut timemus, qualiter intelliguntur hæc verba, *cum ipso de prædictis, etc.* Quidam dicunt cum ipso et de ipso per alios informationem recipere, etc.; alii dicunt et exponunt hæc verba *cum ipso, etc.* isto modo, videlicet quod debemus dictum Petrum seorsum accipere, et per ipsum solum informari super contentis in bulla, etc. Super hiis altercationibus supradictis placeat vobis nobis transmittere, quamcitius commode potueritis, arbitrium vestræ discretionis; et sic nobis relevationem consolationis multiplicis afferetis; et utinam, pro dictis negotiis et aliis nos et Ecclesiam nostram specialiter concernentibus, ad Cantuariam possetis hac vice personaliter declinare. Valete, etc.

512.—LITTERA ABSOLUTORIA QUORUNDAM MONACHORUM SANCTI AUGUSTINI EXCOMMUNICATORUM PROPTER EORUM REBELLIONE IN CAUSA PETRI DE DENE.

8 March 1333.

L. 26 *b*.

The Prior absolves two monks of St. Augustine's who

Noverint universi quod nos Ricardus permissione divina Prior humilis Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, executor quarundam litterarum, pro parte Petri de Dene presbyteri, prout idem Petrus asseruit, diœcesis Cices-

resisted him when he went to their monastery on the business of Peter de Dene.

trensis, nobis, una cum reverendis viris Willelmo de Renham canonico Londoniensi, et Officiali Cantuariensi, cum illa clausula *vos duo aut unus vestrum* directarum, a Sede Apostolica deputatus, Fratres Stephanum de Hakynton Priorem Monasterii Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, et Salomonem de Ripple monachum monasterii ejusdem, a sententia excommunicationis, in ipsos et eorum quemlibet, propter ipsorum rebelliones et offensas contra executionem dictarum

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20 March (1333).

L. 28 *a*.

513.—Secunda littera excusatoria missa Domino Regi pro auxilio non faciendo ad maritagium Elyanoræ sororis suæ.

The Prior, again asked for an aid towards the marriage of the King's sister, excuses himself under the same plea as before. To the charge of discourtesy in not answering a former letter, he says that he wrote the answer but that the King's clerk for some reason refused to deliver it.

A son treschier et treshonurable Seignur Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roy Dengleterre, Seignur Dirlande, et Dux Daquitaine, son chapelleyn Richard Priour del Esglise de Canterbirs salutz, et saunete du corps et dalme, ove la joye pardurable. Treschier Seignur, voillez savoir qe jeo receu nadgaires voz honurables lettres, par les mains vostre chier clerk Robert de Hemminsbourgh, et auxi receu jeo voz honurables lettres, par les mains vostre vadlet Raulyn de Sey, le xviij[e] jour de Martz, ove la reverence qe savoy et poay; en lesqueles est contenuz, qe jeo vous deveroye aider a lez grantz despenses qe vous avez fait honurablement pur le sollempne mariage Dame Elyanore vostre chiere swer, qest marie a noble home Monsire Renaud Counte de Gerland. Benure Seignur, vous plese entendre, qe jeo nay en severealte terres, rentes, ne altres biens, ne chateaux de temporalte ne espiritualte, a moy appertenantz forsque en commun ovesqe mon Covent. Pur quey, tresgracious Seignur, humblement vous requier, qe de tiele aide a vous faire, pur mon nonpoair a ceste foith, benignement me voillez avoir excusez. Et, treschier Seignur,

litterarum coram nobis commissas, per nos, exigente justitia, fulminata, auctoritate Apostolica supradicta absolvimus, et ecclesiasticis restituimus sacris, injuncta per nos ipsis et eorum cuilibet, pro commissis prædictis, pœnitentia salutari. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus est appensum. Dat. Cantuar. $viij^{o}$ die mensis Martii, anno Dni. $M^{o}CCC^{mo}XXXIJ^{do}$.

513.

To his very dear and right honourable Lord, the Lord Edward by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, his Chaplain Richard Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, and health of body and soul, with everlasting joy. Very dear Lord, be pleased to know that I received your honourable letters, by the hand of your clerk Robert de Hemingsburgh, and also I received your honourable letters by the hand of your servant Rawlyn de Sey, the 18th day of March, with all the reverence that I knew or could; in which there is contained, that I should aid in the great costs that you have to your honour incurred for the solemn marriage of the Lady Eleanor, your dear sister, who is married to the Sir Reginald Count of Guelderland. Our fortunate Lord, please it you to understand, that I do not own in severalty lands, rents, or other possessions, nor temporal nor spiritual chattels, belonging to myself but only in common with my Convent. Wherefore, most gracious Lord, I humbly beg you to mercifully hold me excused for this time from this *aid*, on the plea of my inability. And, very dear Lord, as to what you have sent me word by your later letters, namely that you marvel

endroit de ceo qe vous me avez maunde, par voz plus tardive lettres, qe vous emmervoillez moult, et estes meu devers moy, qe Dieu defent, qe jeo ne vous maunday mes lettres de respouns de voz primere lettres par le portour de meismes cez, sicome le tenour de celes lettres le voileynt; a vostre noble Seignurie faz assavoir, qe cele defaute de respons ne peeche mye en moy; kar jeo profri mes dites lettres de dit respons a vostre dit Clerk, et il de les recevire et a vous portier pur certeigne ⌜cause⌝ tout pleinement se excusa. A Dieu, treschier Seignur, qi vous gard, et vous donit sa grace en terre et la gloire qe toutz jours durra. Donz a Canterbirs le xx[e] jour de Martz.

(March 1333.)
L. 28 *a*.

514.—LITTERA MISSA EPISCOPO ROFFENSI PRO SACRO CRISMATE PER IPSUM MITTENDO.

The Prior asks the Bishop of Rochester to impart chrism to him for the use of his Monastery.

Reverentiam et honorem. Nos, excitati per Sacristam Ecclesiæ nostræ, vestræ paternitati preces effundimus cum affectu, quatinus, si in feria quinta proxima post datam præsentium sacrum crisma conficere decreveritis, nobis portionem de hujusmodi sacro crismate, juxta vestræ discretionis arbitrium, per latorem præsentium deferendam transmittere dignemini. Valeat, etc.

17 April (1333).
L. 27 *a*.

515.—LITTERA DIRECTA DOMINO SIMONI ARCHIEPISCOPO SUPER QUIBUSBAM INJURIIS ILLATIS CONTRA LIBERTATES ECCLESIÆ PER VICECOMITEM KANCIÆ.

The Sheriff of Kent has captured two tenants of the

Suo patri devotus filius id quod potest obedientiæ, reverentiæ, et honoris. Quia Vicecomes Kanciæ tarde[1] ingressus est libertatem vestram in manerio vestro de Wyngham, et ibidem cepit duos de tenentibus vestris,

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[1] Here and elsewhere *tarde* must be translated *lately*.

much, and are displeased with me, which God forbid, because I did not send my letters of reply to your former letters by the bearer of them, according as the meaning in those letters expressed; I beg your noble Lordship to understand, that the guilt of this lack of answer was not mine; for I proferred my said letters of reply to your said clerk, and, for some certain cause, he plumply excused himself from receiving and carrying them to you. God be with you very dear Lord, and may he keep you, and grant you his grace on earth, and that glory which shall endure for ever.

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et duxit eos ad Castrum Cantuariæ; cepit etiam idem Vicecomes duos de tenentibus nostris infra libertatem nostram apud Upmonyngham, et eosdem duxit ad Castrum prædictum, ibidem hujusmodi captos, tam vestros quam nostros, detinens, in grave præjudicium libertatum Ecclesiæ vestræ. Et, pro hujusmodi injustis captione et detentione, tam ministri vestri quam nostri, ad dictum Castrum simul accedentes, custodiam dictorum tenentium vestrorum et nostrorum, ut prædicitur captorum, instanter petebant, juxta consuetudinem et libertatem Ecclesiæ vestræ temporibus retroactis laudabiliter usitatam; sed hujusmodi justis petitionibus Subvicecomes, locum Vicecomitis prædicti tenens, tanquam filius ingratus Ecclesiæ vestræ, annuere totaliter recusabat. Hac ratione motus, vobis pro jure et libertate Ecclesiæ vestræ salvandis humiliter preces infundo, quatinus, juxta discretionem vestram, super hiis læsionibus vestræ libertatis et nostræ festinum remedium apponere velitis. Valeat semper vita vestra in Christo. Beneplacitum vestrum super hiis et aliis, per latorem præsentium, significare dignemini michi vestro. Dat. Cantuar. xvij° die Aprilis.

Convent at Mongeham and confined them in Canterbury Castle. He has also imprisoned two tenants of the Archbishop at Wingham. The Prior proposes that the Archbishop and he shall join forces and proceed against the Sheriff.

20 April (1333). L. 35 *a*.

516.—Littera missa Domino Gaweno, de pecunia per ipsum recepta a Domino J. Launge pro vinis nostris Franciæ.

The Convent have succeeded in obtaining fifty pounds from Launge by the hands of Gawain Cordier; and, with a view to the more easy obtaining of the wine, they send copies of the original grant by Louis VII. and other instruments.

Salutz, etc. Sachez, chier amy, qe nous receumes vos lettres le xv. jour Daveryl apres manger, en nostre maner de Adesham; les queux nous avoms bien entenduz, et en les quelx feut contenuz qe vous avez resceu de Monsire Jon Launge, Chivaler, soixante neuf livres six soudz dix deniers desterlings; des quelx nous avoms resceu, par les mayns Willeam Russel vostre vadlet, cinquante livres desterlings, en partie de paye de les soixante neuf livres six soudz dix deniers avantdites; des quelx cinquante livres nous vous maundoms une acquitaunce par vostre dit vadlet. Et auxint nous vous maundoms la copie de la chartre del premier doun qe nous avoms de Sire Lowys jadys Roy de Fraunce, tout en la manere qe nous la avoms; et auxi vous maundoms la copye de nostre dreyne chartre del confirmacion qe Sire Charles nous granta. Et pur ceo qe nous voloms qe ces copies soient apertees a toutz et lealment crewes, nous avoms fait faire un instrument de la mayn un tabellion sur les dites copies, et auxi les avoms fait asseallier de nostre seal. Et vous maundoms copie del acompte qe Monsire J. Launge nous maunda dreynement, assealle de son seal et le vostre. Et de la demoere qe vostre vadlet ad fait ove nous, vous prioms qe ne le prenez a mal, kar nous avoms este desheytez, et ne le purrioms plustost deliverer. A Dieu, etc. Donez a Canterbirs le xx. jour Daveryl avantdit.

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9 Sept. (1333). L. 35 *a*.

517.—Acquietancia missa Domino Gaweno tradenda præfato Domino J. Launge.

A receipt sent to Launge,

Pateat universis per præsentes, quod nos Ricardus, permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis,

516.

Greeting. Know, dear Friend, that we received your letters on the 15th of April after dinner, at our manor of Adisham; which we have well understood, and in which it was contained, that you have received from Sir John Launge, knight, sixty nine pounds six shillings and ten pence sterling; out of which we have received, by the hands of William Russel your servant, fifty pounds sterling, in part payment of the sixty nine pounds odd aforesaid; concerning which fifty pounds we send you an aquittance by your servant. And also we send you a copy of the charter of the first grant that we have from the Lord Louis, formerly King of France,—a fac-simile of the original which we have; and also we send you a copy of our last charter, with the confirmation which My Lord Charles granted to us, and because we wish that these copies should be patent to all and honestly believed, we have caused an instrument to be drawn by a notary relating to the said copies, and also we have caused them to be sealed with our seal. Also we send you a copy of the account which Sir J. Launge last sent to us, sealed with his seal and your own. And as to the long stay which your servant has made with us, we pray that you will not take it ill, for we have been unwell, and could not liberate him earlier. Adieu, &c.

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recepimus et habuimus a Domino J. Launge, milite, quindecem libras duodecem solidos et sex denarios sterlingorum, in centum florenis de Florentia; ac etiam sexaginta novem libras sex solidos et decem denarios sterlingorum, in quibus tenebatur de arreragiis suis pro

by the hands of Cordier, for all his past payments.

vinis nostris Franciæ, videlicet, de annis Domini MºCCCºXXVIJº–VIIJº–IXº–XXXº–XXXJº et XXXIJº, usque ad festum Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, anno ejusdem Domini MºCCCºXXXIIJ. De qua quidem pecuniæ summa prædictum Dominum J., heredes et executores suos, imperpetuum vocamus quietos. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum præsentibus fecimus hiis apponi. Dat. Cant. in crastino festi Nativitatis Beatæ Mariæ prædictæ, anno Domini MºCCCºXXXIIJº supradicto.

23 May 1333. L. 32 *a*.

518.—LITTERA MISSA COMMISSARIO DOMINI CANCELLARII UNIVERSITATIS OXONIÆ SUPER EXCUSATIONE SULLIMATIONIS FRATRIS H. DE SANCTO IVONE.

For some reason which is not stated the Prior decides

Ricardus, etc. viro reverendæ discretionis Magistro Edwardo Haward, Commissario Domini Cancellarii Universitatis Oxoniæ, salutem in vera salute. Recepimus litteras vestras, xxiijio die Maij proximo præ-

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1 May (1333). L. 31 *a*.

519.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA MISSA DOMINO REGI PRO CARIAGIO NON FACIENDO VERSUS PARTES SCOCIÆ. DE PRIMO BREVI DE CARIAGIO VERSUS PARTES SCOCIÆ.

The Prior, under the usual plea of having personally no property, asks the King to excuse him from furnishing transport for the Scottish War.

A son trescher et treshonurable Seignur, Sire Edward, etc. Roy, etc. son chapelleyn Richard Priour, etc. salutz, etc. Trescher Seignur, endroit de ceo qe vous me mandastes nadgaires par vostre breff de Chauncellerye, le quiel jeo receu a Canterbirs le xviijº jour Daveryl proschein passe, par my les meins un Fouk de H(er)twelle, de a vous maundier une charette bien ferre et bien attire, ove cink chivals tout appareyllez avenalment, pur voz cariages vers les parties de Escoce, a lendemeyn de Ascencion proscheim avenir, a Ever-

terito, quibus perlectis et intellectis, nobis, per vestri laboris utilitatem et amoris efficaciam, pro honore Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ feliciter intimatas, apparuit evidenter, quod nos debitorem vestrum, quo ad illa quæ pro vobis poterimus facere, specialiter effecistis. Et ut debitum nostrum aliqualiter incipiamus solvere, vobis, ac per vos, si placet, venerabili cœtui Magistrorum in dicta Universitate regentium, pro beneficiis supradictis, nobis per vos et illos impensis, gratiarum actiones referimus cumulatas; vestram prudentiam, de consensu et consilio confratrum nostrorum, certificantes, quod confratris nostri H. de Sancto Ivone magistralis sullimatio, de qua nobis scripsistis, juxta vestræ voluntatis affectum et litterarum vestrarum tenorem, pro temporis brevitate et aliis ad hujusmodi actus felicem et honorificam expeditionem requirendis, nullatenus in instanti anno nos poterit consolari. Valete semper in Christo. Dat. Cantuariæ die supradicto, anno Domini M°CCCXXXIIJ^io^.

that Hugh St. Ives, a Canterbury monk studying at Oxford, must postpone the taking of his Master's degree.

Consimilis littera directa fuit Magistro J. de Scapeya Sacræ Theologiæ Professori, et pro eodem negotio.

519.

To his very dear and most honourable Lord, the Lord Edward, &c., King, &c., his Chaplain Richard, &c., greeting, &c. Very dear Lord, with respect to what you commanded me lately by your writ out of the Chancery, which I received at Canterbury on the 18th day of April last past, by the hands of a certain Fulk of Hartwell, namely, that I should provide you with a waggon with iron wheel-tires and well equipped, together with five horses properly harnessed, for your transport service for Scotland, to be at York on the morrow of the Ascen-

wyk; voillez savier, trescher Seignur, qe jeo nay terres, ne rentes, ne altres biens ne chateaus de temporalte ne de espiritualte, appartenantz a moy en severalte, qe moult me poyse qe jeo ne puisse mon honur faire. Et pur ceo, trescher Seignur, vous plese moy aver excusez en ceste chose pur mon nonpoar. A Dieu, trescher Seignur, et vous donit la joye pardurable. Donez a Broke pres de Wy, le premier jour de Maij.

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31 May (1333).
L. 31 *b.*

520.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO CANCELLARIO DOMINI REGIS ANGLIÆ ILLUSTRIS PRO CARIAGIO NON FACIENDO VERSUS PARTES SCOCIÆ.

The Chancellor is asked to take charge of the Prior's excusatory letters relating to the demand of transport.

Venerabili in Christo patri Domino J. Dei gratia Wyntoniensi Episcopo, Domini Regis Angliæ illustris Cancellario, Ricardus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, cum omni reverentia et honore, salutem. Recepimus apud Cantuariam, xviij° die Aprilis proximo præterito, breve domini nostri Domini Regis, tenorem continens subsequentem: *Edwardus Dei gratia, etc.* Vestræ reverendæ paternitati cum nostri cordis anxietate referimus, quod hujusmodi mandatum, juxta nostræ voluntatis affectum, non valemus efficaciter adimplere, quia possessiones seu prædia nobis, separatim a Conventu nostro, minime specialiter assignantur; sed nobis ac etiam confratribus nostris, devotioni pariter insistentibus, in communi necessaria ministrantur; ut

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8 May 1333.
L. 31 *b.*

521.—LITTERA DOMINO REGI DIRECTA PRO CARIAGIO FACTO VERSUS PARTES SCOCIÆ. DE CARIAGIO DE BREVI SECUNDO.

The Prior yields and sends a

A son trescher et treshonurable Seignur, Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roy Dengleterre, etc. son

sion; please you to understand, very dear Lord, that I have neither lands, nor rents, nor other goods or chattels, either temporal or spiritual, belonging to me in severalty; from which cause I am concerned not to be able to show my honourable obedience. And therefore, very dear Lord, be pleased to have me excused in this case, owing to my inability. God be with you, very dear Lord, and grant you everlasting bliss. Given at Brook near Wye, the first day of May.

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veraciter Christi discipulos imitemur, de quibus scribitur in Actibus Apostolorum: *Omnes erant perseverantes unanimiter in oratione, et habebant omnia communia, et dividebant omnia omnibus prout cuique opus erat.* Hac ratione, nos, de vestræ benevolentiæ et dilectionis benignitate confidentes, paternitatem vestram requirimus et rogamus, quatinus erga præfatum dominum nostrum Dominum Regem, super dicto mandato suo, ex causa superius expressa, propter nostram impotentiam nullatenus adimpleto, nos dignemini excusare; scire volentes quod super hiis mittimus litteras nostras domino nostro Domino Regi excusatorias vobis, si placeat, tradendas, per præsentium portitorem. Valeat, etc. Datum apud Broke juxta Wy, ultimo die Maij.[1]

Act ii. 35.

Consimilis littera fuit directa Magistro Roberto de Stratford, locum tenenti Domini Cancellarii suprascripti, et pro eodem negotio.

521.

To his very dear and right honourable Lord, Lord Edward by the grace of God king of England, &c., his

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[1] This letter ought, evidently, to be dated *April.* By the 8th of May the Prior had decided to comply with the King's demand.

waggon and five horses.

chapelleyn Richard Priour, etc. salutz, etc. Sire, endroit de ceo qe vous me mandastes nadgaires par vostre breff de la Chauncellerye, le quiel jeo receu le secund jour de Maii proschein passe, de a vous maundier a Everwyk une charette ove cink chivals tout appareillez avenalment, pur voz cariages vers les parties de Escoce, a lendemeyn del Ascencion proschein apres la date de ceste lettre; sachez, Sire, qe jeo suy prest a faire vostre maundement solonc mon poair; et si envoy jeo a Everwyk avant la dite feste del Ascencion une charette ove cink chivals, a celuy qe serra assigne de les recevire. A Dieu, trescher Seignur, qi vous gard, et quantqe a vous apent, et vous donit bon esploit de vostre emprise. Donez a Canterbirs le viij[e] jour de Maii lan de grace M[l]CCCXXXIIJ.

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8 May 1333.

L. 31 *b*.

522.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO CANCELLARIO DOMINI REGIS PRO EODEM NEGOTIO.

He announces his compliance to the Chancellor.

Venerabili in Christo patri Domino J. Dei gratia, etc. *ut supra*, Ricardus, etc. *ut supra*, cum omni reverentia, etc. *ut supra*. Secundo die Maii ultimo præterito recepimus, iterata vice, breve domini nostri Regis, nobis per hujusmodi breve mandantis rogando, quod sibi, pro suis pavilionibus et aliis rebus cariandis versus partes Scociæ, mitteremus unam carectam cum quinque equis sufficientibus usque Eboracum. Hujus-

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8 May 1333.

L. 31 *b*.

523. — UNE LETTRE MAUNDE AL RECEIVOUR DES CARIAGES NOSTRE SEIGNUR PUR MEISME LA BUSOIGNE.

And accredits his

A son cher amy et bien amez en Dieu . . . . Receivour des cariages nostre Seignur le Roy vers les

Chaplain Richard, Prior, &c., greeting, &c. My Lord with regard to that which you lately commanded me by your writ out of the Chancery, which I received the second day of May last past, namely that I should send to you at York a waggon with five horses properly equipped for your transport service for Scotland, by the morrow of the Ascension next after the date of the said letter; know, my Lord, that I am prepared to comply with your command to the best of my ability; and so I am sending to York against the said Feast of the Ascension a waggon and five horses, to such person as shall be assigned to receive them. God be with you, very dear Lord, and keep you and all that belong to you, and grant you a happy termination to your expedition. Given, &c.

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modi mandatum Domini Regis, juxta nostræ possibilitatis efficaciam, intentes adimplere, per latorem præsentium mittimus Domino Regi, pro suis cariagiis supradictis, unam carectam cum quinque equis ad locum prædictum. Et vestram reverendam paternitatem ex affectu requirimus et rogamus, quatinus dicto latori consilium et auxilium impendere velitis ad faciendum injunctum nuntium, ex parte nostra, Domino Regi, loco et tempore opportunis. Valeat, etc. Dat. ut supra.

523.

To his dear friend and well beloved in God . . . . the Receiver of transport for our Lord the King for

driver to the Baggage Master at York.

parties de Escoce, Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour, etc. salutz, etc. Pur ceo qe nostre dit Seignur nous maunda nadgaires, par son breff de la Chauncellerie, en priant, le quiel nous recumes le second jour de Maij proschein passe, de a luy maundier a Everwyk une charette ove cink chivals tout appareillez avenalment pur ses cariages vers les parties de Escoce; sachez qe nous avoms fest le maundement nostre dit Seignur le Roy solonc nostre poair; et si envoyoms a Everwyk une charette ove cink chevals a vous, qi estes Receivour de les dites cariages, de les receivre. Et pur ceo nous vous prioms, sil vous plest, qe vous soiez en aide al messageier de nostre dite charette, portour de cestes, qil fuist tost et bien delivres de son message, et qil ait lettres de la deliveraunce de la dite charette. A Dieu, cher amy, etc. Donez ut supra.

(May 1333).

L. 32 *a*.

524.—Littera directa J. de Earde Ballivo nostro de Walda, ut ipse accipiat in manus nostras tenementa quæ fuerunt Symonis Constable de Faversham, nuper tenentis nostri de Mersham.

A free tenant at Mersham dying, left an illegitimate daughter under age, who, after the custom of gavelkind, was placed to be reared at the house of her next of kin

A Jon de Earde son Bailiff de Mersham, salutz et bon amistiez. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entendu qe un Symond Constable de Faversham, nadgaires nostre tenant de Mersham, morut, et fuist bastard, et avoit une fille, Maud, qi fuist dedeinz age quant il morut et nasquit deinz esposeilles; la quele Maud fuist baille a noreture a plusproschein de sank a cui heritage ne pout descendre, solon le ussage de gavelekende, en temps Estevene de la Dane a donqes nostre bailiff; la quele Maude ad este marie deux foith, a ceo qe hom dist, et unqore est dedeinz age, et son second baron deinz ces deux jours ad aliene tout la

Scotland, Richard by God's permission Prior, &c. Greeting. Whereas our said Lord lately commanded us, by his writ out of the Chancery which we received on the second day of May, requesting us, namely, to send to him at York a waggon and five horses all properly equipped, for his transport service for Scotland; Know that we have obeyed the command of our said Lord the King to the best of our ability, and so we send to York, for you as Receiver of the said transport, a wagon and five horses, so that you may receive them. And therefore, if it please you, we pray that you will assist the conductor of the said waggon, the bearer of these letters, so that he may be quickly and happily acquitted of his message, and that he may have letters of acquittance for the delivery of the said waggon. Adieu, &c.

524.

To John of Eard his Bailiff at Mersham, greeting and true friendship. Whereas we have heard that one Simon Constable of Faversham formerly our tenant at Mersham died, and was a bastard, and had one daughter Maude (who was under age when he died and was born in lawful marriage); which Maude was put to nurse with her nearest of kin to whom the inheritance could in no way descend, according to the custom of gavelkind; Stephen de la Dane being then our Bailiff; which Maude has been twice married, as is said, and yet is still under age; and her second husband within these two days has sold all his wife's inheritance, and carried his wife

who was excluded from the inheritance. Then the daughter married twice, although still under age, and finally disappeared, leaving her husband behind, who sold her estate. The circumstances being suspicious the Bailiff of the manor is instructed to take steps for protecting the rights of the lord.

heritage qe fuist a sa feme, et la feme alloigne hors du pays, issint qe ascun gent entendont qe cele feme soit morte; et si ensi fuist, les tenementz duissent estre nostre eschete, pur ceo qe le sank est esteint sanz issu de luy. Par quey nous vous mandoms, qe hastivement, vewe ceste lettre, facez seissier en nostre main toutz les tenementz qi furent al dit Symond, dont il morut seissi nostre tenant, et descendirent a meisme cele Maud, la quele nad nyent fest a nous ceo qe faire duist apres la mort son auncestre, ne nulle issu nad; et baillez meismes les tenementz en sauve gard en les mains nostre Serjant du manoir et tres altres de noz tenantz bon gent; et qe eux respoynent des issues des meismes les tenementz, si lad qe meisme cele Maud viegne et face a nous ceo qe faire doit. Et si ele soit morte, a donqes les tenez en nostre main com nostre eschete par defaute de sank. Et ceo ne soit lesse qe ne soit hastivement fest. Et en le mene temps facez enquere de com bien de tenementz le piere meisme cele Maud morut seissi, et par queux services il tint de nous, et toutz les circumstaunces de meimes les tenementz. Et de toutes les choses susdites nous facez certifier bonement a plustost com vous purrez. A Dieu, etc.

11 Oct. 1333.

L. 179 *b*.

525.—Commissio pro bestiis liberandis ad lardarium nostrum.

The warrant given to the purveyor of the Convent, who went round the

Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu, etc. as toutz noz serjeants de toutz noz maniers en les Vaus [1] et Estkent salutz. Nous vous maundoms et commaundoms, qe vous deliverez a J. de Pisyngg, portour de cestes, beofs, vaches, porks, moultons, et berbys, tantz et tieux qe le dit Jon voudra eslire, et qil voit qi soient bons et conve-

[1] *Val* = Valda = Weald.

out of the country, so that some people believe the wife to be dead; and if it be so, then the tenements should escheat to us, because the family is extinct she having no issue. Therefore we command you that, having seen this letter, you speedily seize into our hand all those tenements which belonged to the said Simon, of which he was seized as our tenant when he died, and which descended to the said Maude; which Maude has performed none of those acts of homage to us which she ought to have done after the death of her ancestor, nor has she had any issue; and deliver these same tenements to the safe keeping of the Serjeant of our manor and of three others of our tenants who are responsible men; and let them be answerable for the profits of the same tenements, if it happen that the said Maude come and do to us the homage which she is bound to do. And if she be dead, then retain them in our hand as having escheated for lack of heirs. And let there be no delay but that this may be speedily done. And in the mean time make enquiry as to how many tenements the father of this Maude died seized of, and by what services he held them from us, and all about the said tenements. And send us information as speedily as you can about all the abovementioned matters. Adieu, &c.

525.

Richard by God's permission, &c. to all our serjeants of all our manors in the Weald and in East Kent, greeting We send to you and we command you, that you deliver to J. de Pisyngg, the bearer of these, oxen, cows, hogs, wethers, and sheep, as many as and such as the said John shall be pleased to select, and which he sees are

manors in autumn to collect the animals to be salted down for winter store.

nables a nostre lardier. Et les bestes, queux qi soient, qe le dit J. marchera et lerra devers vous mettez en bone pasture et bone garde, issent qils soient bons gras, et convenables a nostre maundement. Et tous les coustages qe vous y mettez en les ditz bestes nous vous allouerons bien et bonement. Ceste busoigne prenetz a cuer et soietz aidant et attendant al dit J., sicome vous volez plaire a nous, et vous meismes gardier sanz damage. A Dieu. Donez a Cauntorbirs le xj. jour de Octobre lan de grace M°CCC°XXXIIJ°. Et nous voloms qe cestes noz lettres estoisent en lour forte tanqe a la feste Seint Martyn proschein avenier.

(1333.) L. 179 *b*.

526.—Littera missa singulis propositis nostris in custodiis de Estekent et Wald ad habendum precium et numerum bestiarum de quibus superius fit mentio.

The Bailiffs of manors are required to make out lists of all the cattle they deliver to the Cellarer for winter store.

Richard par la soeffraunce, etc. as toutz noz serjantz de toutz noz maniers en le Vaus et Estekent saluz. Nous vous maundoms et commaundoms, qe chescun de vous facez mettre en escript com bien des bestes, queux manere bestes, et le pris de chescune beste, qe vous avez delivere as noz Celeriers pur nostre Lardier en tout cest an; et cel escript nous maundez par le portour de cestes sanz ascune deley. Ceste chose ne targez en nulle manere. Escript a Cantorbirs, etc.

(1334.)

527.—Item altera littera.

The Bailiffs are reproved for

Richard, etc. as toutz noz sergeantz de toutz noz maniers de la garde de Vaus saluz. Pur ceo qe Dantz

good and proper for our larder. And as to the animals which the said John shall mark and leave with you, put them into good pasture and safe keeping, so that they may be sound, fat, and fit against we send for them. And all the expenses you are put to about the said beasts we will fairly and willingly allow you. Take this business to heart, and be helpful and obsequious to the said John as you wish to please us and to preserve yourselves from blame. Adieu, &c. And we will that these our letters shall be valid until Martinmas next.

526.

Richard by God's permission, &c. to all our serjeants of all our manors in the Weald and East Kent greeting. We send to you and command you that each of you shall set down in writing how many beasts, what kind of beasts, and the price of each beast, that you have delivered to our Cellarers for our larder during this year; and send us this writing by the bearer of these without delay of any kind. Do not put off this business in any way. Written, &c.

527.

Richard, &c. to all our Serjeants of all our manors in the Ward of the Weald, greeting. Whereas Dom. E. de

not having attended to the Cellarer's demand for cattle for consumption at Easter, and are told to send them to Canterbury at once.

E. de Adesham, nostre Celerier, vous envoya une lettre, qe vous luy duissiez avoir maunde porks et altres bestes pur nos despenses countre ceo Paske, a quiele lettre vous ne fuistes mye entendantz; nous voloms, et vous commaundoms, qe si vous avetz porcz ou altres bestes qi vous puissez deportier sanz damage faire a noz maniers, ou qe vous voudriez vendre a autre[s] gentz, qe vous luy facez deliverer meismes les bestes a nostre oeps, et ceo par tailles levez entre le dit Celerier et vous del pris de toutz. Donez, etc.

(1333.) L. 33 *a*.

528. — Littera missa Waltero de Waldegrave attornato nostro in Banco Domini Regis, pro negotio tangente causam inter nos et Dorobernensem.

The attorney of the Convent in the King's Bench is instructed as to his procedure in a suit between the Convent and the Abp. He is directed also to stop proceedings in Etchingham's case, because the parties have come to a compromise.

Salutz. Sachez qe nous sumes assentus, pur certeine et resonable cause, qe le Bref qe vyent sur Lercevesqe de Canterbire en la xv. Seynt Michel serra respondu ore a ceo jour, *adeo tarde*; pur quei vous prioms qe vous gardes byen nostre jour, et qe vous le facez entrer en roule, sicom vous veyez par conseil de noz amys qe bein soit pur nous et nostre Esglise; et qe vous prenez hors le bref, et qe vous purchacez un autre bref *de fere venir* le Archeveske au prochein jour. E endroit du plee qe fut entre nous et Jakys de Etchyngham, sachez qe, par nostre conceyl, nous sumes accorde ovesqe le dit Jakys en le dit plee, dunt yl ne vous covyent plus outre prendre garde. E quant a les costages del argent qe vous paerez de par nous, sachez qe le portour de cestes vous bandera quand qe mester vous serra; sy ryen vous soyt arere pur vostre travayl, sachez qe byen et bonement serrez paye. Adyeu qe vous gard.

Adesham, our Cellarer, sent you a letter, saying that you were to send him hogs and other animals for our consumption at Easter, to which letter you paid no attention; we desire, and we command, that if you have any hogs or other animals which you can remove without doing injury to your manors, or such as you would be willing to sell to the outside world, then that you cause the same animals to be delivered for our use; making tallies of the total price, to be struck between our Cellarer and you.

528.

Greeting. Understand that for a certain reasonable cause we have agreed that the writ running against the Archbishop of Canterbury in the quindene of St. Michael shall now be answered on this day, late as it is; therefore we pray you that you will duly keep our day, and that you will cause it to be entered on the roll, as you may see, by advice of our counsel, that it will be best for us and our Church; and (we pray you) that you will sue out the writ and that you will procure another writ of *venire facias* (summoning) the Archbishop for the next day. And as to the suit which there was between us and James of Etchingham, understand that by intervention of our counsel we are agreed with the said James in the said action, of which you need take no farther notice. And as for the costs that you may pay on our behalf, know that the bearer of these will supply you when you have need; and if there be any arrears in the compensation for your trouble, be sure that you shall be well and truly paid. God be with you and keep you.

20 Nov. (1333). L. 27 *a*.

The Abbot and Chapter of St. Augustine's having declared their willingness to obey the Pope's orders in the matter of Peter de Dene, the Prior, as one executor of the bulls, writes to the other executor, asking him to come to Canterbury, in order that, together, they may receive the Abbot's submission at St. Augustine's.

529.—Littera directa Magistro W. de Renham pro negotio tangente Petrum de Dene.

In Christo salutem. Vestræ discretioni plenius innotescat, quod, post recessum vestrum de Cantuaria, jam trina vice, ex parte Dominorum Abbatis et Conventus Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, venerunt ad nos clerici eorundem cum quibusdam notariis, nobis in præsentia dictorum notariorum intimantes, quod præfati Abbas et Conventus parati sunt mandatis Apostolicis et monitionibus, eisdem per nos conjunctim factis, quatenus de jure tenentur, in omnibus obedire; interpellantes nos quod nos ad dictum Monasterium declinaremus et faceremus quod mandatum apostolicum, nobis occasione Petri de Dene presbyteri directum, exigit et requirit. Verum quia nobis et consilio nostro videbatur et videtur quod solus, sine vobis, hoc facere non valemus, eo quod dictum negotium per nos simul inchoatum extitit sicut nostis. Quocirca vestram benevolentiam requirimus et rogamus, quatinus ad Cantuariam quam citius poteritis accedere velitis dictum mandatum finaliter impleturi, vel causam rationabilem, quæ vos excusare legitime valeat in hac parte, sub scriptura autentica nobis significare curetis. Informationes, si quas super eodem negotio reciperitis, nobis mittere dignemini per præsentium portitorem scientes quod magna altercatio est apud nos de istis verbis: *cum ipso Petro in statu libertatis posito, etc.* Quidam dicunt quod non est liber infra clausum Sancti Augustini, etc.; alii dicunt quod est satis liber infra dictum clausum si sit extra carcerem positus. Et ideo placet nobis quod vos a Domino Officiali Cantuariensi quæratis, ex parte vestra et nostra, tam de prima quam de secunda libertate distinctam et veram expositionem; ut secure sine læsione conscientiæ nostræ agere valeamus. Valete in fonte sapientiæ,

qui, pro salvatione honoris vestri et nostri, de scriptura nostra vos efficaciter faciat cogitare, et advertere diligenter quod vel personaliter accedatis vel mittatis nobis, ut præscribitur, citra diem Lunæ proxime venturum. Oportebit nos, ut dicitur, iterum inchoare quod per nos nuper conjunctim fuerat inchoatum. Dat. Cantuar. die Sancti Edmundi Regis.

530.—Littera missa Magistro J. de Offord Decano de Arcubus Londoniarum pro negocio P. de Dene. 25 Nov. 1333. L. 27 *b*.

The Dean of Arches is asked to come to Canterbury to assist the Prior in his difficulty with St. Augustine's in the matter of Peter de Dene.

Salutem. Quia scolaris vester quondam fuimus, ad vos nostræ mentis aciem specialius dirigimus, ex affectu vos rogantes quatinus pro quibusdam tractatibus habendis, super arduis negociis nos et confratres nostros concernentibus, quamcitius commode poteritis ad nos, sumptibus nostris, velitis personaliter declinare; scientes quod hujusmodi declinatio erit nobis afferens solatii relevationem et fructum multiplicem utilitatis, et vobis, ut proponimus, nullatenus onerosa; quod propositum, viva voce mediante, vobis intendimus distincto modo communicare. Adhuc, mittimus vobis materiam cogitandi de quadam bulla impetrata pro Petro de Dene, cujus copiam vobis mittimus, et pro cujus bullæ executione nos et Magister Willelmus de Renham, xiiij° die Novembris proxime præterito, accessimus, juxta mandatum apostolicum, ad Monasterium Sancti Augustini Cantuariæ, et ibidem in Domo Capitulari, coram Domino Wygorniensi, et nobis, et Magistro W. prædicto, et aliis fratribus dicti monasterii, et aliis personis secularibus in multitudine copiosa, in præsentia notarii, perlegebatur bulla supradicta; qua perlecta, pars adversa emisit protestationem, quod contra nos et alias personas quascunque suas diffensiones justas haberet; et magna altercatio erat

de quibusdam rasuris in dicta bulla contentis. Verumptamen, non obstantibus hujusmodi protestatione et altercatione, nos, juxta discretionem consilii nostri, fecimus monitiones sub forma subsequenti: *Nos igitur*, etc. Ceterum advertere dignetur vestra discretio, quod infra novem dies supradictos trina vice, ex parte Dominorum Abbatis et Conventus monasterii prædicti, venerunt ad nos, etc. *ut antea*;[1] interpellantes nos ut ad dictum monasterium declinaremus, et ibidem dicti Petri voluntatem investigaremus. Nos vero respondimus præfatis interpellantibus, quod eorum petitioni de jure sine dicto Magistro Willelmo annuere non valuimus, nec debemus, eo quod dictum negotium per nos conjunctim extitit inchoatum. Hæc responsio displicuit, ut apparet, dictis Abbati et Conventui, in tantum quod miserunt ad nos eorum clericorum cum notario, quorum unus in camera nostra legebat appellationem, cujus copiam vobis transmittimus inspiciendam. Adhuc scribimus vobis quod magna altercatio est qualiter intelligitur hoc verbum: *liber*; de quo in dicta bulla fit mentio; ac etiam hæc verba: *Cum ipso de prædictis*, etc. Quidam dicunt quod dictus Petrus satis liber est si sit extra carcerem; alii dicunt quod non est liber nisi sit extra dictum monasterium. Diversimode etiam glossantur hæc verba: *Cum ipso*, etc. isto modo videlicet, quod debemus dictum Petrum seorsum accipere et per ipsum solum informari super contentis in bulla. Valete in Auctore salutis, et valeant qui vos valere desiderant et videre; scientes quod nos super hiis et aliis, non tantum mediantibus scripturis vestris, sed mutuis verbis credimus informari Datum apud Adesham die Sanctæ Katerinæ.

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[1] See p. 40.

530A.—ALIA LITTERA DIRECTA MAGISTRO W. DE RENHAM PRO EODEM NEGOTIO.

25 Nov. 1333.

L. 27 *b*.

The Prior writes to his co-executor in the matter of Peter de Dene, giving him the same information as is contained in the preceding letter.

Salutem. Non latet vestram discretionem qualiter et quando fecimus monitiones pro Petro de Dene, nec sinit scriptura nostra, vobis nuper missa, circumspectionem vestram latere qualiter quidam clerici cum notario, ex parte Augustinensium, ad nos accesserunt trina vice, nec recedit a memoria vestra, ut supponimus, responsio nostra ad eosdem, quam eis dedimus post ultimum recessum vestrum a Cantuaria; sed non adhuc vobis scripsimus de quadam appellatione coram nobis lecta in camera nostra Cantuariæ, circa horam primam noni diei proxime sequentis diem monitionis nostræ, cujus appellationis copiam vobis transmitto inspiciendam; quam cum inspexeritis retradatis latori præsentium, ex parte nostra deferendam Magistro J. de Offord, Decano de Arcubus Londoniarum, cui specialiter scribimus, rogantes ipsum ex affectu quatinus ad nos, pro quibusdam tractatibus habendis super arduis negotiis ecclesiæ nostræ, quam citius commode valuerit, velit prompte declinare. Et, ut hæc voluntas nostra feliciter perficiatur, si placet, ex parte vestra instetis, sicut scitis, quærentes a discretis si prædictæ appellationi sit deferendum vel non; et, si non sit deferendum hujusmodi appellationi, oportebit vos, sicut nobis dicitur per consilium nostrum, ad nos personaliter accedere, ut nos conjunctim dicti Petri de Dene negotium, juxta veram promissionis vestræ constantiam, finiamus; nec debet vos movere vestra apparens excusatio, quæ non legitima sed a quodam juris perito frivola reputabatur. Valete in Christo nobis voluntatem vestram super hiis et aliis rescribentes per portitorem supradictum. Datum, etc. ut proxime supra.

(Jan. to April 1334.)

L. 36 *a*.

The suit with the Archbishop in the matter of Dover Priory is at a standstill through the death of Archbishop Meopham, and the Attorney is instructed to revive it as soon as a new Archbishop is appointed.

531.—Littera missa Waltero Waldegrave per Thomam de Faversham pro negotio Dovoriensi.

Salutz et bon amour. Pur ceo qe la parole qe pent devant nostre Seignur le Roy, entre luy et le Priour de la Trinite de Caunterbire, cui attorne vous estes, demora sanz jour a la xv[e] de Saint Hillaire drein passe, devers lercevesqe de Canterbire par sa mort, et, a ceo qe jeo qui, vous avez este toutz jours prest en court a pursure pur le dit Priour, et uncore vous[1] le jeo qe vous pregnez conseil et qe vous augez a la bare, et qe vous parfrez, depuis qe liad un Ercevesqe, qe brefs isse de faire le venier. Et jay prie a Monsire Thomas Bacon et a Sire Adam de Stangre qils vous soient en aide; et si vous aiez mestier de deniers pur sergeantie[2] jay prie a Monsire Thomas qil vous apreste de deniers, fesant une endenture entre vous et luy de la recepte. Et prenetz avisement priveement de eaux ceo qe meuz vous serra affaire en les bussoignes susdites, et maundez me novelles par le portour de cestes. A Dieu, etc.

(May 1334.)

L. 36 *a*.

After reciting the interruption caused in the Dover suit by Archbishop Meopham's death, the writer asks the Judge to continue the suit against Meopham's successor.

532.—Littera missa Domino Adæ de Stangre per præfatum Thomam pro negotio supradicto.

Honours et reverences. Vous plese, Sire, avoir en remembraunce coment la parole qe pent devant vous, entre nostre Seignur le Roy et le Priour de la Trinite de Canterbire, ad este grant temps continue par la nonvenue Symond nadgaires Ercevesqe de Caunterbire, devers qui la Court dona proces de faire le vener, et le proces continue par *la grant destresse* de la xv[e] Saint Michel tantqe a la xv[e] Saint Hillaire drain passe, de deinz quel temps le dit Ercevesqe est a Dieu commande, sicome vous bien savez; sur

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[1] *veux?*

[2] sergeantie = probably the employment of a serviens ad clavam in serving writs. His small fees would be paid at the time when his services were required.

531.

Greeting and real affection. Whereas the suit which is pending before our Lord the King, between him and the Prior of Holy Trinity Canterbury, whose attorney you are, was dismissed at the quindene of St. Hilary last past, as far as concerned the Archbishop of Canterbury, owing to his death, and as, as I believe, you have always been ready in Court to act for the said Prior, yet still I wish you to engage counsel, and (through them) to plead at the bar, and to procure that, as soon as there is an Archbishop, writs shall issue to compel his appearance. And I have prayed Master Thomas Bacon and Sir Adam de Stangre that they will help you; and if you have need of ready money for searjeanty, I have asked Sir Thomas to lend you some, on security of an indenture of the loan to be made between you. And take advice from them secretly about what it will be best for you to do in the aforesaid matters, and send me intelligence by the bearer of these. Adieu, &c.

532.

Honours and reverences. Please, my Lord, to call to mind how the action, which is pending before you between our Lord the King and the Prior of Holy Trinity Canterbury, has been prolonged for a great time through the non-appearance of Simon lately Archbishop of Canterbury, against whom the Court issued a writ to compel his attendance, and adjourned the cause, by way of *la grande destresse,* from the quindene of St. Michael to the quindene of St. Hilary last passed, within which time the Archbishop was taken

quey, Sire, y busoigne, a ceo qe me semble, qe breffs isse a celuy qe est ore Ercevesqe de Caunterbire a faire le venier, ou, Sire, de faire le garnier; kar y semble, a mon petit sen, de puis qe la Court ad jugge qil est partie, par la chartre le Roy qest de record, est a son avantage de le faire garnier plustost, qe de chassier le par destresse. Mais Sire, si meuz ne puist estre, soit le proces pur le *venire facias* continue devers Lercheveseqe qore est auxi com y fuist devers lautre. Et voillez, pur lamour Saint Thomas, un poy travoiller vostre pense le plus de ordiner un bon breff judicial pur le Esglise, et qe le proces soit bien continue, et, Monsire, le Priour le deservira. Sire, Nostre Seignur Jesu Crist vous eyt en sa garde, etc.

(May 1334.)

L. 36 *a*.

533.—Littera missa Domino Thomæ Bacoun Justiciario per prædictum Thomam pro eodem negotio.

A judge is asked both to be favourable to the Convent and to advance money to pay costs in the mean time.

Honours et reverences. Tresamez Seignur, jeo vous prie qe vous voillez avoir les busiognes le Priour de la Trinite de Canterbire al cuer qi sont pendantz devant vous, entre nostre Seigneur le Roy et luy, auxi come Sire Adam de Stangre vous purra moustrer par record, et auxi come Walter de Waldegrave son attorne vous purra moustrer. Et sil eit mestier de sergeantie, jeo vous prie, Sire, qe vous luy aidez de demie marc ou de plus, tantqe nous entre parloms Et sil aviegne qe le dit Walter, attorne le Priour, soit mort, ou malade, ou qil ne soit mye en Court, jeo vous prie qe vous veullez, par mon record, recordier Willeam Fant, vostre clerk, son attorne; et jeo

to God, as you well know; wherefore, my Lord, it is necessary, as it appears to me, that writs should be issued against him who is now Archbishop of Canterbury, to cause him to appear; or, my Lord, that we ought to have him warned; for it seems to my feeble mind, since the Court has decided that he is a party to the suit according to the royal charter, which is matter of record, that it is to his advantage to have him warned as early as possible, rather than to have him persecuted by distraint. But, my Lord, if it may be no better, let the process of the *venire facias* be continued against the Archbishop who now is, just as it was against the other. And be pleased, for the love of St. Thomas, to strain your mind somewhat the more in order to devise an efficient judicial writ for the Church, and that the process be still kept going, and, my Lord, the Prior will repay it. My Lord, may Our Lord Jesus Christ have you in his keeping.

533.

Honours and reverences. Wellbeloved Lord, I beg you to have at heart the affairs of the Prior of Holy Trinity Canterbury, which are pending before you in a suit between our Lord the King and him, as Sir Adam de Stangre can show you by documentary evidence, and also as Walter de Waldegrave, his attorney, can show. And if there be need of sergeantie, I pray you, my Lord, to help him to half a mark or more, as a loan until we meet. And if it happen that the said Walter, the Prior's attorney, be dead or sick, or if he be not in Court, I beg you to be pleased, on my responsibility, to enrol William Fant, your clerk, as his attorney; and I have begged him by my letter that he will be so;

lay prie par ma lettre qil voille estre, et mon dit Seignur le Priour le deservira, devers vous, Sire, et devers luy. A Dieu, Sire, etc.

22 Mar. 1334.

L. 35 *a.*

534.—Littera missa Domino Gaweno le Cordier pro vinis nostris Franciæ.

Gawain Cordier receives instructions with a view to his exacting the arrears owed by J. Launge on account of the wine of St. Thomas.

Salutz et la joye pardurable. Chier amy, veullez savier qe le Lundy proschein devant la Nunciacion Nostre Dame, nous receumes voz lettres fesauntz mencion assez pleynement, cum il nous semble, de noz busoignes dont avez entremys de noz vins de Fraunce. Par inspectioun de la dreine acount Monsire Johan Launge, et par les allowaunces qil demande pur son travoil, y semble a nous qe vostre lettre qe chaunte de sa dette amounte a soixante neuf livres, et pur son acounte six soudes dix deniers, outre[1] desterlings, jesques a la Nativite Nostre Dame lan de grace MCCCXXXIIJ. proschein passe. Et pur ce qe y nous semble qil ny ad mye moult grant recoverier de luy reprendre de son acounte, y serroit bon qe nous ussoms les deniers avantditz auxitost com vous puissez bonement faire levier. Quant a une acquitaunce de cent florins de Florence a nous paiez par Monsire Jon, qi amountent quinze livres douze soudes six deniers desterlings, dont nulle mencion faites a nous en voz lettres, nous, a la requeste Monsire Jon avantdit, vous maundoms lacquitaunce de bailler al Mounsire dit Jon Longe, et de les soixante neuf livres six soudes dix deniers contenuz en meisme cele acquitaunce, les queux soixante neuf livres six soudes dix deniers nous sont apaier. Et quant a lacquitaunce du Provost du Chastelet de Parys de cent livres desterlings, qi duissent avier este paiez de la Thresorie nostre Seignur le Roy Dengleterre, par les mayns de la compeignie de Barde

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[1] *l'une et l'autre?*

and, my Lord, the Prior will repay it, both to you, my Lord, and to him.

534.

Greeting and enduring bliss. Dear friend, be pleased to know that on the Monday before the Annunciation of Our Lady we received your letters making mention, sufficiently fully as it seems to us, of our affairs connected with our French wine, in which you have interested yourself. By inspection of Sir John Launge's last account, and by the allowances which he asks for his trouble, it appears to us that your letter, which treats of his debt, amounts to sixty-nine pounds, and for his account six shillings and tenpence, both sterling, up to the Nativity of Our Lady in the year of grace 1333 last past. And as it appears to us that there is no great fault to be found with him in respect of his account, it would be as well if we had the aforesaid sum as soon as you can well get it. As for an acquittance for the hundred florins of Florence paid to us by the said Sir John, which amount in sterling to fifteen pounds twelve shillings and sixpence, of which you make mention to us in your letters; we, at the request of the said Sir John, send it to you, to be handed to the said Sir John Long; and (another) for the sixty-nine pounds six shillings and tenpence, which sixty-nine pounds six shillings and tenpence have yet to be paid to us. And as to the acquittance (certified) by the Prévôt of the Châtelet of Paris for a hundred pounds sterling, which ought to have been paid from the Treasury of our Lord the King of England through the hands of the Company of the Bardi, on the note of the said Sir John;

a la requeste Monsire le dit Jon, sachez qe nous envoyames nos lettres, ove la dite acquitaunce du Chastelet, al dit Monsire Jon par Pyrot nostre messagier long temps passe, sicome pleynement nostre dit messagier vous purra enfourmer de bouche ; la quele copie de noz dites lettres maundez al dit Monsire Jon nous vous maundoms deinz cestes enclose. Et amailloure enfourmacion de les choses avantdites, vous fa(isoms) assavoir qe, le xxij. jour de Janyvoir lan de grace MCCCXXXIJ., nous maundames, par Perrot nostre messagier avantdit, al dit Monsire Jon sa lettre asealle du seal le Provost du Chatelet de Parys, en quele fuist contenuz qe le dit, Monsire Jon resceut de nostre Seignur le Roy Dengleterre qore est, par les mayns le Priour et le Chapitle de Canterbirs, cent livres desterlings; des queux deniers le dit Monsire Jon par les mains le ditz Priour et Covent rien nad resceu. Et si Monsire J. avant dit veulle, par malencolie[1] ou par vendie, estre contrarious a les choses qi sont susdites, vous prioms chierement qe vous ordinez remedie de par nous, coment nous puissoms estre gwye et mene par ley ; kar de les soixante neuf livres six soudes dix deniers avantditz nous ne sumes de rien servy. De ceste matire nous vous maundoms une lettre de bailler al Monsire dit Jon, la copie de quele lettre nous vous envoyoms pur vostre enformacion, et quant vous la avez regardee baillez ou maundez la dite lettre al dit Monsire Jon, si vous voiez qil fait 'afaire. A Dieu, chier amy, etc. Escript a Canterbirs le Meskerdy proschein devant la Nunciacion Nostre Dame avantdite.

22 Mar. 1333.

L. 35 *a*.

535.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINI J. LAUNGE PRO EODEM NEGOTIO.

Instructions sent to J. de

Salutz, etc. Nous avoms entendu par Monsire Gaweyn Cordier qe vous estes en volente de nous

[1] *malice* or *malignité* ?

know that long ago we sent our letters, along with the said acquittance of the Châtelet to the said Sir John by Pyrot our messenger, as our said messenger can inform you by word of mouth; a copy of which our said letters sent to the said Sir John we forward to you enclosed in these. And for your better information as to the aforesaid matters, we let you to know, that on the 22nd day of January in the year of grace 1332 we sent by Pierrot our messenger aforesaid to the said Sir John his own letter, sealed with the seal of the Prévôt of the Châtelet of Paris, in which there was contained, that the said Sir John had received from our Lord the King of England who now is, by the hands of the Prior and Chapter of Canterbury, a hundred pounds sterling; of which sum the said Sir John has not received one farthing by the hands of the said Prior and Chapter. And if the said Sir John wishes, through malice or cunning, to contradict what is said above, we pray you earnestly that you devise a remedy for us, showing how we may be guided and conducted according to law; for of these sixty-nine pounds six shillings and tenpence nothing has been paid to us. We send you a letter on this matter to be delivered to the said Sir John, and, for your information, we send you a copy of this letter, and, when you have looked over it, deliver or send the said letter to the said Sir John, if you think that it ought to be done. Adieu, &c.

535.

Greeting. We are informed by Sir Gawein Cordier that you are prepared to furnish us with all the money

Launge as agent in France for the Convent.

servier de toutz les deniers, en queux vous nous estes tenuz pur noz vins de Fraunce de tout vostre temps, jesques a la feste Nostre Dame en Septembre drein passe lan de grace M^lCCCXXXIIJ. Et pur vostre bone volente qe vous avez eu a nostre Esglise et a Seint Thomas nous vous mercioms de cuer; et vous envoyoms, par le dit Monsire Gaweyn, une acquitaunce de c. floreyns de Florence, qi amountent en esterlings, solom vostre taxacion, xv. livres xij. soudes vj. deniers; et de les lxix. livres vj. soudes x. deniers contenuz en meisme cele acquitaunce. Mais veullez savoir, chier amy, qe endroit de la lettre de Provost du Chastelet de Parys, nous sumes un pou trouble pur la demande de cele lettre; kar, certeignement en Dieu, nous vous la remaundames, par Pyrot nostre messagier, le xxij. jour de Janyvoir, lan de grace M^lCCCXXXIJ. proschein passe. A Dieu, etc. Donez ut supra.

18 April 1334.

L. 27 *a*.

536.—Littera missa Johanni fitz Beneyt Ballivo suo Essexiæ de fidelitate facta per Magistrum Willelmum de la Souche.

The Bailiff of the Essex Manors is informed that W. de la Zouche has done fealty to the Prior at Canterbury, and therefore, if his goods have been seized to enforce this act of homage, they are to be released.

Salutz. Nous vous mandoms assavoir qe Mestre Willeam de la Souch, nostre tenant en Essex, fuist a nous a Canterbirs et nous fist sa fealte des tenementz qil cleyme tenier de nous, le dymaigne en la vaille de Seint Elpheg, lan du rengne le Roi Edward tiers apres la conqueste vij^e. Pur quey nous vous mandoms, qe, si nulle destresse sur luy soit prise pur la dite fealte arere, soit hastivement delivres. Et le faveur qe vous luy poetz bonement faire, salve le droit de nostre Esglise, nous voloms qe vous luy facez. A Dieu, etc. Donez a Canterbirs le jour et lan avantditz.

which you are indebted to us for our French wines during the whole of your term of office, up to the feast of Our Lady in September last past in the year of grace 1333. And we thank you heartily for the goodwill which you have borne to our Church and St. Thomas; and we send you by the said Sir Gawein a receipt for the hundred florins of Florence, which in sterling amount, according to your estimate, to fifteen pounds twelve shillings and tenpence; and for the sixty-nine pounds six shillings and tenpence contained in the same receipt. But, dear friend, please to understand that, as to the letter of the Prévôt of the Châtelet of Paris, we are somewhat troubled by your asking for that letter; for, without doubt as God knows, we sent it back (to you) by Pyrot our messenger, on the 22nd day of January, in the year of grace 1332 last past. Given as above.

536.

Greeting. We send to let you know that Master William de la Souch, our tenant in Essex, has been with us at Canterbury and has done his fealty for the tenements which he claims to hold from us, on Sunday the eve of St. Alphage, in the seventh year of the reign of King Edward the third since the Conquest. Wherefore we command you that, if any distraint has been levied upon him for delaying the said fealty, it may speedily be withdrawn. And we desire that you will show him all the favour you can, so long as the rights of our Church are maintained. Adieu, &c. Given at Canterbury the day and year abovesaid.

(1334.)
L. 180 *a.*

537.—De meremio liberando.

A wood-reeve is ordered to deliver six beams of timber each thirty feet long, and he is to mark the stumps of the trees from which the timber is cut so that the Warden of Manors may see that the Convent is not defrauded.

Saluz. Nous vous mandoms qe vous deliverez a J. de Cockessale, nostre bon amy, vj. cheverons de la longure de xxx. pees, en nostre Park de Bockyngg. Et voiez qe par cause del dit meryn issi abbatuz nul damage soit fait en nostre dit Park. Et voloms qe vous facez marchier les souches de de les cheverons avantditz, issint qe le Gardien, a sa proscheine venue, puisse ver quielx vous avez deliverez. A Dieu etc.

27 April (1334).

L. 36 *a.*

538.—Littera missa servienti nostro de Bokkyngg quod ipse liberet Domino Johanni rectori loci prædicti frumentum et focalia prout continetur in littera sequente.

The Serjeant at Bocking is directed to lend the rector eight or ten seams of corn, to be repaid. Also to give him as a present from the Chapter three trees, under the size of timber-trees, for fuel.

Salutz. Nous vous maundoms, qe vous facetz liverier a la persone de Bockyngg, ou a son attorne pourtour de cestes, oyt ou diz summes de ble, de tel ble come il voudra devisier, pur la sustenaunce de ses seriantz; et fetes taille entre vous et celuy qi recevera le dit ble, apaier ble pur ble a la fest Seint Michel proscheyn suyant. Et auxi facetz liverier de donn, de par nous, a la dite persone, ou a son attorne, treys arbres pur fuail, solom vostre discrecioun, issint qils ne touchent mye meryn. Cestes choses susdites nous voloms qe vous facetz, si vous voiez qe vous purretz bonement faire sanz damage de nous, et nonpas attrement. A Dieu. Escript a Canterbire le xxvij[e] jour Daveryl.

537.

Greeting. We order that you deliver to J. de Coggeshall, our good friend, six beams of the length of thirty feet, in our park at Bocking. And take care that no damage be done in our said park by reason of the said timber so cut down. And we desire that you cause the stumps of the said beams to be marked, so that the Warden of Manors at his next coming may see which trees you have given. Adieu, &c.

538.

Greeting. We command you to deliver to the Rector of Bocking, or to his representative the bearer of these, eight or tens seams of corn—such corn as it may please him to choose—for the maintenance of his servants; and strike a tally between you and him who may receive the corn, to repay it, corn for corn, at Michaelmas next. And also deliver as a free gift, on our behalf, to the same Rector, or his representative, three trees for fuel, selected after your discretion, so that they do not attain the size of timber-trees. The aforesaid things we desire you to do, if you see that they can be done without injury to us, but not otherwise. Adieu, &c.

27 May (1334). L. 36 *a*.

The Prior expresses pleasure that Archbishop Stratford, who is in France on the King's business, has successfully carried it out.

539.—Littera regrationis missa Domino J. Archiepiscopo pro suis litteris nobis directis.

Quicquid obedientiæ potuerit et honoris. Pater reverende, nocte proxime sequente xxv^m diem Maii, recepi apud Cantuariam litteras vestras, in quibus continetur quod negotia Domini Regis Angliæ sunt expedita, pro quibus nuper ad partes Franciæ transmigrastis. Et scire dignemini, quod præfatæ litteræ vestræ michi materiam actualem lætitiæ, vestri gratia, multipliciter offerebant. Valeat Dominus meus in Christo, qui in prosperitate felici ad partes vestras cito redire faciat vos et vestros. Scriptum Cantuariæ xxvij. die mensis supradicti sub sigillo meo privato.

(1334.) L. 180 *a*.

The Prior summons the Bailiffs of six manors to assemble at Great Chart on a certain day provided with means for transporting timber to Godmersham Court.

541.—Littera missa servientibus nostris pro cariagio meremii ab uno loco ad alium.

Richard, etc. as noz sergeantz de Grant Chert, de Petite Chert, de Well, de Aghene, de Rokyngg, et de Mersham, salutz. Por ceo qe nous avoms a carier meryn, de nostre manoir de Grant Chert a Caunterbire,[1] pur une mesoun en nostre Court qest sur le poynt de cheyer; vous maundoms et commaundoms qe vous soiez, Lundy matyn proschein suyant, a nostre dit manoir de Grant Chert, ove toute la cariage qe vous poetz, demenier le dit meryn a la porte la persone de Godmersham, et nyent plus avant. Et ceo ne lessez pur lamour de nous. A Dieu, etc. Escript, etc.

(May 1334.) L. 36 *b*.

W. Fant is asked to act as

542.—Littera missa W. Fant per præfatum Thomam de Faversham pro eodem negotio.[2]

Salutz et treschiers amistez. Sachez qe Monsire le Priour de Caunterbire et moy sumes accordez qe

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[1] Caunterbirie is clearly a clerk's error for Godmersham; a manor belonging to the Chapter.

[2] See p. 46.

540.—ACQUIETANCIA FACTA DOMINO GAWENO CORDIER DE L. LIBRIS NOBIS SOLUTIS. 19 April 1334. L. 35 *b*.

Pateat universis, etc. quod nos Ricardus, etc. recepimus et habuimus a Domino Gaweno Cordier de Caleville milite, quinquaginta libras sterlingorum, in partem solutionis sexaginta novem librarum sex solidorum et decem denariorum sterlingorum, quas sexaginta novem libras sex solidos et decem denarios prædictus Dominus Gawenus recepit et habuit a Domino Johanne Launge, milite, pro vinis nostris Franciæ; de quibus quinquaginta libris sterlingorum dictum Dominum Gawenum heredes et executores suos per præsentes acquietamus imperpetuum. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Cantuariæ xix. die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M°CCC^mo^XXX°IIIJ°.

Gawain Cordier has paid to the Convent fifty pounds, which he received from J. Launge in part payment of his arrears for the St. Thomas wine.

541.

Richard, &c. to our Serjeants of Great Chart, Little Chart, Westwell, Aghene, Rokinge, and Mersham greeting. Whereas we have to carry timber from our manor of Great Chart to Canterbury, for a house in our court which is on the point of falling down; we send and command you that on next Monday morning you be present at our said manor of Great Chart, with all the means of transport you can in order to carry the said timber as far as the gate of the parsonage of Godmersham, and no farther. A Dieu.

542.

Greeting and close friendship. Whereas the Prior of Canterbury and I are agreed that you shall remain

attorney for the Prior if Waldegrave be absent.

vous demorrez ove luy, sil vous plese, et jeo serroy al aide de Dieu a covenant faire entre vous; et pur ceo qe le grant plee pent entre nostre Seignur le Roy et luy, del avoeson de la Priourte de Douvre, sur herrours qi sont assignes, et jeo ne soy si Walter Waldegrave son attorne soit en Court ou ne mye, vous prie, de par mon dit Sire, qe sil soit lad qe vous luy soiez en aide de les busoignes susdites, et sil ne soit poynt jay prie Monsire Thomas Baconn qil vous voille recordier son attorne en le plee avantdit, et ceo vous prie jeo qe vous veullez estre, et mon dit Sire le Priour le deservira. A Dieu, etc.

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6 June (1334).
L. 36 *b*.

543.—Littera directa Domino Adæ de Stangre per Dominum Priorem pro eodem negotio.

A judge is asked to use his influence in the Dover suit, and he is told that the Prior will be his paymaster.

Salutem, etc. Intelleximus quod dilectus nobis in Christo Thomas de Faversham nobis distincte scribit, pro causa quæ est inter nos et monachos Dovorienses; cujus causæ fastidium vos credimus non latere, quia pro dictæ causæ expeditione desiderata pro nobis laborare, vestri gratia, vos multipliciter sumus experti; et ideo vobis fiducialius scribimus, quatinus, juxta tenorem litterarum prædicti Thomæ, ac etiam discretionem vestram, velitis interponere preces vestras, ut dicta causa non tam via districti juris sed favorabiliter valeat continuari post mortem bonæ memoriæ Symonis nuper Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, et nos pro vestri laboris vexatione erimus thesaurarius vester specialiter, ut tenemur. Valete in Christo, nos remittentes, si placet, per latorem præsentium, super præmissis beneplacitum vestrum, ac etiam de statu vestro, et quando intenditis nos personaliter visitare. Scriptum apud Icham vj^{to} die Junii.

engaged on his side, if it please you, and I shall, with God's help, settle the terms between you; and because the great suit between the King and him, concerning the advowson of Dover Priory, is in suspense on account of alleged errors, and I do not know whether Walter Waldegrave his attorney be at the Court or not, I beg you, on behalf of my said Lord (Prior), that if he be there you will help him in the aforesaid matters, and if he be not I have asked Sir Thomas Bacon that he will enrol you as his attorney in the aforesaid suit, and I beg that you will accept this office, and my said Lord the Prior will reward your acceptance.

544.—Littera responsoria Magistro Adæ de Merymouth super petitione pensionis suæ. 9 July (1334).

L. 36 *b*.

Salutem quam peperit puerpera singularis. Karissime, recepimus litteras vestras apud Cantuariam, videlicet ix° die Julii, quibus inspectis, habuimus deliberationem super hujusmodi litteris vestris cum confratribus nostris, nobis dicentibus quod eis aliqualiter videtur quod non tenentur solvere pensionem ac etiam arreragia ejusdem, de quibus nobis et confratribus nostris nuper scribere voluistis; et causa est, ut dicunt præfati confratres nostri, quia in littera vestra, quam ut supponimus habetis, per prædecessorem nostrum et Capitulum Ecclesiæ nostræ, quædam clausula inseritur quæ sic incipit: *Si vero contingat præfatum Magistrum Adam ad aliquem dignitatis gradum promoveri*, etc. Verumptamen si, tempore succedente, aliter super hac materia rationabiliter fuerimus informati, nos quod juri consonum est seu rationi vobis, Deo dante, totaliter, ut proponimus, faciemus. Valete in Domino per tempora diutina. Scriptum die et loco supradictis, sub sigillo nostro privato.

The Convent decline, until they have farther information, to pay the pension of Murymouth, which they assert has determined by his promotion (to the office of Official of the diocese of Canterbury?)

23 July (1334).
L. 36 *b*.

545.—LITTERA DIRECTA MAGISTRO ADÆ DE MERYMOUTH OFFICIALI CANTUARIENSI DE QUIBUSDAM COPIIS PRIVILEGIORUM ET PROCESSUS DOVORIÆ EIDEM MISSIS EX PRÆCEPTO DOMINI JOHANNIS ARCHIEPISCOPI.

The Chapter send to the Official of the

Salutem, etc. Nos, de præcepto Domini nostri Cantuariensis, mittimus vobis, per latorem præsentium,

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24 July (1334).
L. 37 *a*.

546.—LITTERA RESPONSORIA MISSA H. DE BRADEWEYE SENESCALLO LIBERTATUM DOMINI JOHANNIS ARCHIEPISCOPI SUPER PETITIONE FEODI SUI NON CONTENTA IN COMPOSITIONE FACTA INTER DOMINUM ARCHIEPISCOPUM ET NOS.

The new Archbishop has demanded an annual fee for his Steward from the Chapter, alleging such to be due by virtue of an old composition. But the Chapter decline to pay, holding to a different interpretation of the words of the composition.

Salutz, etc. De ceo qe vous nous avez maunde par voz lettres, qe nous faissoms deliverer al Priour, de meismes celes vint marcs de vostre fee de terme de Pasqes ja passe, en quiel nous duissoms estre tenuz, solum une composicion de ceo faite par entre les predecessour nostre Seignur Lercevesqe qore est et nostre predecessours, a ceo qest suppose par les lettres le dit Ercevesqe a nous maunde, ou qe nous retournissoms respons pur quey nous ne lavoms fait. Savoir vous fesoms qe nous avoms serche estreytement le dit composicion en presence de vostre tresorier, en la quele nest pas trove qe nous serrioms charge de tieu payement, solom les paroles contenues en la lettre le dit Ercevesqe, mais ceo qe duist estre paie en ceste partie, solom la forme de la dite composicion, deit estre paie en la tresorie le dit Ercevesqe a Caunterbire, et nonpas pur vostre fee com la dite lettre Lercevesqe demaunde. Par quey vous prioms chierement, qe nous veullez avier excuse en ceo cas; quar, si ne fuist qe nous dotoms qe serroit emblemissement del estat de nostre Esglise a paier altrement qe la composicion en luy mesmes ne veut, vous ussez

copias quorundam sigillo nostro privato signatas, super quibus, ut supponimus, idem dominus noster nuper habuit vobiscum colloquium speciale. Valete sicut valere vellemus, nobis, si placet, rescribentes per dictum latorem, si ab eodem reciperitis copias supradictas. Scriptum Cantuariæ in crastino Beatæ Mariæ Magdalenæ sub sigillo memorato.

diocese copies of the papers in the suit with Dover Priory, for the information of the new Archbishop, who is made a party to the suit.

546.

Greeting. Concerning what you have written to us in your letters, which we have caused to be delivered to the Prior, with regard to the twenty marcs of your fee for the quarter of Easter already past; which we are bound to pay according to a composition made thereon between the predecessors of our Lord the Archbishop who now is and our predecessors (as far as can be gathered from the letters sent to us by the said Archbishop) unless we can send a reply giving a reason for not having paid it. We wish you to know, that we have, in the presence of your Treasurer, strictly searched the said composition, and we do not find in it that we are charged with any such payment, as is stated in the words of the letter of the said Archbishop; but what has to be paid in this behalf (according to the terms of the said composition) must be paid into the treasury of the said Archbishop at Canterbury, and not (as the letter of the said Archbishop demands) as a fee to yourself. Therefore we earnestly pray you that you will be pleased to hold us excused in this case; for if we did not fear that it would tend to the injury of the estate of our Church if we paid otherwise than is

este servy en avant; mais a vostre proschein venue par devers nous ferroms issint, par lavisement de vostre tresorier, qe vous tendrez apaie al aide de Dieu. A Dieu, etc. Escript a Canterbire le xxiiij. jour de Juyl desouz nostre prive seal.

9 Aug. (1334). L. 37 *a*.

547.—LITTERA MISSA JOHANNI DOO SUPER CONVENTIONE FACTA INTER NOS ET IPSUM DE MANERIO DE WEST MERSEYE.

A tenant of a manor, stocked with cattle and corn, is reminded that his term is almost expired, and that he is bound to hand over the land with live and dead stock equal to that which he received on his entry. But harvest is at hand, and he is warned that the corn must be got in at his expense, for the lessors payment.

Salutz, etc. Com la terme qe vous avez en nostre maner de West Merseye soit ja approchant a la fyn, a la Seint Michel proschein avener, et vous, solom les covenantz desur ceo tailles, meisme le Maner en toutes choses, com en blees et en estor, aumeynz solom ceo qe vous la receutes, en tien manere les devez sus rendre, et tout soit ensi qe les blees dedeins meisme le maner cressantz sont enmuriz, et mestier fuist qe ascun se entremeit de les faire entrer, par doute de perier, vous ne vous ent(re)medlez point, com faire duissez, a ceo qe nous est fait entendont, de quey nous emmervoilloms molt, pur quey nous vous prioms qe, vewes cestes, nous facez assavoir hastivement ceo qe vous enpensez faire, issint toutes voies qe si vous ne veullez emprendre la charge de les faire entrer a voz coustages, solom ceo qe vous estes tenuz, nous remandez vos lettres patentes, donant poair a nous de ceo faire en vostre noun, tant qe nous puissoms entreparler de ditz covenantz. A Dieu, etc. Escript a Caunterbire le ix^e^ jour de Augst.

9 Aug. (1334). L. 37 *a*.

548.—LITTERA DIRECTA J. FRYSEL UT AD NOS ACCEDAT NOBISCUM TRACTATURUS SUPER QUIBUSDAM CONCERNENTIBUS MANERIUM NOSTRUM DE RISSEBURGH.

The Steward of the manor of

Salutz, etc. De la grant affeccion qe vous avez a nous, et a nostre honur et profist, et a bon et hastif

meant in the composition itself, you should have been satisfied without asking; but at your next coming to us we will so do that, with the help of God, you shall hold yourself well content. A Dieu.

547.

Greeting. Seeing that the lease that you have of our manor of West Mersey is now approaching its term (at the Feast of St. Michael next coming), and that you, according to the covenants executed in this matter, are bound to surrender the same manor in all particulars, as in corn and stock, at least as well furnished as when you received it; and although the crops growing within the said manor are now ripe, and it is necessary that some one should set to work to harvest them, lest they perish, you do not concern yourself at all as you ought to do, as it is reported to us, whereat we marvel greatly; and therefore we pray you that, having read these letters, you will let us know quickly what you intend to do in this matter, so, at all events, if you are not inclined to undertake the duty of harvesting them at your own cost, as you are bound to do, send us your letters patent giving us authority to do so in your name, until we can discuss the said covenants. Adieu.

548.

Greeting. For the great affection that you have for us, and our honour and profit, and for the good and

Monks Risborough is asked to come to Canterbury to consult with the Chapter about the means to be used in dealing with the tenants who are showing signs of insubordination.

esploit de noz busoignes, et de la grant diligence travoil et peniblete qe vous avez mys avant ces houres en la meyntenaunce de droitures de nostre Esglise, solom ceo qe nous avoms toutz jours trove en fait, vous mercioms molt, et savoms especialement bon gree, en priant qe cele benevoillaunce veullez toute foith continuer. Et pur ceo qe vous nous avez certifie qe noz tenantz de nostre maner de Ryssebergh se portent estraungement devers nous, en clamant destre dautre condicion qils nont este tenuz devant ces houres, et se sont entredonez de meyntener lour emprise, la quiele chose si ensi fuist soffert tourneroit appertement en prejudisse de nous et en desheritaunce de nostre Esglese; nous veulliantz y tele malice refroindre, et convenable remedie, si avant com nous poums en toute bone maneres, ordiner et mettre, par avisement de vous et des alteres de nostre conseil; vous prioms tant de cuer com nous poums, qe, vewes cestes lettres, aplusenhaste qe vous poetz vous afforcez de venier a nous, pur parler et tretier de ceste busoigne, et des altres sur quelx nous desiroms vostre presence pur accompler nostre propos, et le quiel ne puist avant vostre venue par devers nous venier en effect, nestre mys bonement al fyn. Si en veullez pur tant de plus empensier, et ceo qe vous en veullez faire a ceste nostre requeste, et du temps qe vous entendez destre ove nous, nous remaundez par voz lettres et par le portour de cestes. A Dieu, chier amy, etc. Escript ut supra.

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17 Aug. (1334).

L. 37 *b*.

549.—Littera directa Magistro Rob. Thresk procuratori nostro in Curia Romana super quibusdam concernentibus quendam capellanum qui sequebatur pro negotio Petri de Dene.

The Proctor in the Curia is

Salutem et considerationem debitam in scribendo. Intentionis nostræ non extitit nec existit illi capellano

speedy conclusion of our business, and for the great diligence and labour that you have aforetime brought to bear upon the maintenance of the rights of our Church, as we have always really recognised, we thank you exceedingly, and with especial goodwill we pray that you will ever continue this kindness. And because you have reported to us that our tenants at Risborough bear themselves coldly towards you, claiming to be of a freer condition than they have hitherto been believed to be, and have made a joint stock fund for the maintenance of their cause; which thing if so allowed would plainly tend to our prejudice and to the disherison of our Church; we, desiring to restrain such illdoing, and to devise and apply a convenient remedy so far as we can in any proper way, by your advice and by that of others of our counsel, pray you as heartily as we can that, having seen these letters, you exert yourself to come to us as speedily as you are able, in order to discuss and to treat of this matter, and of other things about which we require your presence for the accomplishment of our purpose, and which cannot before your coming to us be put into practice, or come to a proper conclusion. And so please the more to consider this; and send us word by your letters and by the bearer of these what you propose to do in the matter at this our request, and at what time you expect to be with us. Farewell, &c.

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de quo scripsistis gravamen conferre. Unde videtur nobis mirandum quare comminationes variæ videntur sub velamento inferri, ubi posuimus confidentiam nostram magnam. Et scire velitis, si dictus capellanus habuisset vel haberet procurationem a nobis petendi processus concernentes Petrum de Dene, et hujusmodi procuratorium fuisset nobis manifestatum, tunc

told that a clerk, who asks for payment for services rendered in the matter of Peter de Dene, was

never retained by the Chapter, and that nothing is due to him. Also the Proctor has asked for his salary, and is told, with an apology for delay,

præfatus capellanus per nos forsitan fuisset gravatus nisi suis petitionibus annuissemus; sed revera totaliter latet nos ipsum, ut prædicitur, esse procuratorem. Adhuc vobis iterata vice scribimus, quod nos tradidimus Magistro Roberto de Solebery totale debitum pro quo nobis tarde vestras litteras transmisistis; et idem Magister dictum debitum, ut supponimus, vobis mittet in brevi. Et vos rogamus quod non accipiatis pro malo quod tam distulimus vobis solvere quæ solvere debebamus; vos etiam rogamus ex affectu, quatinus inspicere velitis quandam cedulam præsentibus interclusam,

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Oct. 1334. L. 38 *a*.

The executor of J. de Dene is reminded that the testator left five pounds to Christ Church, but that the Chapter agreed to accept three pounds in consideration of prompt payment. Payment has not been prompt, so the remission comes to nothing. But the executor being a neighbour the Chapter do not wish to distress him.

550.—LITTERA MISSA J. PYROT EXECUTORI J. DE DENE DEFUNCTI DE QUADAM RELAXATIONE SIBI FACTA DE CENTUM SOLIDIS NOBIS LEGATIS IN TESTAMENTO DICTI DEFUNCTI.

Salutz, etc. Pur ceo qe Jon de Dene, (de) qui executour vous estes, nous devisa cent soudz al overaygne de nostre Esglise, et nous, par assent de nos fraires, a vostre requeste grauntames qe si vous ne[1] paiessez soixante soudz as deux termes, cest assavoir la moyete a la Nativite Saint Jon proschein passe, et lautre moyete a la feste Saint Michel proscheyn suyant, qe vous duissez estre quites de les ditz cent soudz; et si vous ne tenassez mye les termes avantditz qe les cent soudz serroyent entierement paiez. Et quant al terme Saint Johan la paie est faite, et quant al terme Saint Michiel rien nest paie, pur quey les cent soudz sont entierement paiables a nous. Et par ceo qe vous estes nostre veisin et nostre bienvoillent nous herioms molt de vous somoundre ou travoiller; pur quey vous prioms qe vous nous maundez vostre respons endroit de les choses susdites, par le portour de cestes. A Dieu, etc.

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ac etiam instanter, si placet, et efficaciter procurare, ut nos habeamus commissionem absolvendi fratrem nostrum, cujus nomen insertum est in cedula prædicta. Et quia immiscuit se divinis frequenter non absolutus, etc. habeamus commissionem dispensandi secum super irregularitate per eum contracta. Valete in Christo, nobis rescribentes de vestri status incolumitate, ac etiam aliorum amicorum; nostros inimicos quantum poteritis, sicut alias fecistis, vestri gratia compescentes, et eos in sua malitia retardantes. Scriptum Cantuariæ xvij° die Augusti.

that it has been sent to him.

550.

Greeting. Whereas John de Dene, whose executor you are, bequeathed to us a hundred shillings for the fabric of our church, and, at your request and by consent of our brethren, we granted that if you paid sixty shillings of it in two instalments, that is to say one half at Midsummer last past and the other half at Michaelmas next following, then, that you should be acquitted of the said hundred shillings; but that if you did not keep to these two terms then that the hundred shillings should be paid in full. Now as to the Midsummer term the money is paid, but for the Michaelmas term nothing is paid, and therefore the hundred shillings are due to us without abatement. And, because you are our neighbour and our wellwisher, we greatly hesitate to summon you or to worry you, and therefore we pray that you will send us your reply upon these aforesaid matters by the bearer of these letters.

(Oct. 1334.) L 38 *b*.

551. — LITTERA MISSA DECANO DE SCHORHAM PRO RELAXATIONE SEQUESTRATIONIS CATALLORUM ALICIÆ DE LEYHAM CONVICTÆ DE MORTE MARITI SUI PER DICTUM DECANUM FACTÆ.

The Dean of Shoreham, a *peculiar* of the Archbishop, has sequestrated the goods of Alice de Leyham. But the Prior shows that she was a felon, and therefore that her goods escheated to him as Lord of the manor in which she lived; he therefore asks the Dean to take off his sequestration.

Salutem, etc. Quia intelleximus quod vos sequestrastis catalla quæ fuerunt Aliciæ de Leyham de Orpinton, vobis significamus quod prædicta Alicia fuit convicta de felonia, videlicet, de morte quondam mariti sui, quare nos, ut dominus feodi cui catalla felonum dampnatorum et fugitivorum pertinent per cartam Domini Regis, seisivimus catalla prædictæ Aliciæ pertinentia de hereditate sua in manus nostras, ut catalla nostra propria, pro conservatione jurium Ecclesiæ nostræ; qua de causa, vobis supplicamus quatinus sequestrationem prædictam relaxare velitis, nostris precibus et amore; ne per nos et consilium nostrum aliud remedium apponatur; scientes, quod infringentes jura Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ sententiam excommunicationis majoris incurrunt. Nostris votis, si placet, in hac parte sic annuatis, ut nos habeatis vobis specialiter obligatos. Semper in Christo valeatis. Scriptum Cantuariæ xiiij° die Octobris sub sigillo nostro privato. Beneplacitum vestrum super hiis nobis significare velitis præsentium per latorem.

14 Oct. 1334. L. 38 *b*.

552.—ACQUIETANTIA J. PYROT ADMINISTRATORIS BONORUM TESTAMENTI J. DE DENE DE C. SOLIDIS AD OPUS ECCLESIÆ NOSTRÆ LEGATIS.

The executor of J. de Dene not having paid three pounds promptly has paid five under

Pateat universis, etc. quod nos Ricardus permissione, etc. recepimus et habuimus a J. Pyrot, administratorem bonorum testamenti J. de Dene defuncti, centum solidos sterlingorum, ad opus Ecclesiæ nostræ supradictæ in testamento dicti defuncti legatos. De quibus centum solidis dictum administratorem, tenore præsentium,

acquietamus. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Datum Cantuariæ xiiij° die Octobris, anno Domini M°CCC^mo tricesimo quarto.

pressure and receives this acquittance.

553.—COMMISSIO J. DE BRAYDESTONE SENESCALLI LIBERTATIS ECCLESIÆ CANTUARIENSIS.

8 Nov. 1334.

L. 38 *a*.

Ricardus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, liberis hominibus, et omnibus aliis tenentibus et ministris nostris in omnibus et singulis comitatibus Angliæ, ac aliis universis quorum interest, aut interesse potuerit, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra, quod nos fecimus et constituimus, ac etiam ordinavimus dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem de Braydeston Senescallum libertatis Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, et attornatum nostrum specialem, ad supervidendum omnia maneria nostra, waynagia terrarum nostrarum, et ad curias nostras tenendum in maneriis nostris, si sibi visum fuerit expediens, et omnia alia ad prædicta maneria nostra pertinentia, et omnes defectus in eisdem, et eosdem defectus sumptibus nostris reparari faciendum in defectum ballivorum et præpositorum nostrorum; ac etiam omnes servientes et ministros nostros, et omnia jura et libertates nostras, nos et Ecclesiam nostram prædictam homines et tenentes nostros qualitercunque contingentia, in omnibus et singulis comitatibus prædictis, petendum, conservandum, defendendum, et manutenendum, ubicunque et coram quibuscunque ministris Domini Regis vel aliorum quorumcunque. Quocirca vobis, omnibus et singulis vestrum, præcipiendo mandamus, quatinus præfato Johanni sitis intendentes, consilium præbentes et auxilium in præmissis. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus sibi patentes, valituras quousque eas duxerimus revocare. Datum Cantuariæ viij° die mensis Novembris, anno Domini millesimo CCC° tricesimo quarto.

The Prior appoints a *Senescallus libertatis*, an officer of rank whose duty it was to protect the liberties and privileges of the Convent by his authority and influence.

Vacat. Revocata fuit hæc commissio xxix° die mensis Martii anno Domini MCCCXXXV^{to}.

Vel sic: dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem de Hildeslc, attornatum nostrum, et locum tenentem Senescalli nostri ipso absente, ad supervidendum omnia maneria nostra, etc. ut supra.

Memorandum: quod Dominus Thomas de Brochulle habuit commissionem sub forma proxime præscripta, sub data Cantuariæ ultimo die Novembris, anno regni Regis Edwardi Tercii a conquestu xiiij°.

5 Dec. 1334.

L. 38 *b*.

554.—Littera directa Domino Adæ de Merymouth pro pensione sua.

The Prior in sending ten pounds in part payment of the pension which he had previously refused to Adam de Murymouth, Historian and Lawyer, indulges in a heavy kind of sarcasm.

Salutem in eo qui minas judicum non timuit, nec terrenæ dignitatis gloriam adquisivit. Amice karissime, litteras vestras recepimus, iiij^{to} die Decembris apud Cantuariam, continentes quod, licet ministri Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ præ ceteris teneantur personis in ipsa Ecclesia, rota fortunæ volvente, promotis; non tenentur nisi secundum merita personarum, et quamdiu utiles comprobantur in negotiis Ecclesiæ dirigendis. De istius rotæ revolutione, juxta vestræ intentionis conceptum, sicut fuerit voluntas in cœlo sic fiat. Et scire velitis quod nobis gaudium magnum est quod vos tenemini nobis tanquam monacho claustrali, nulla rota fortunæ promoto; sic vero vos tanquam nostrum refugium singulare, modo claustrali, et si non in rotæ motu circulari, speramus feliciter optinere. Et, ut in vita claustrali per vos specialiter simus nullatenus derelicti, nos, mediante diligentia majori, pro arrera-

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(1334.)

L. 180 *a*.

555.—Littera excusatoria ad Comitem de Garrenne pro præsentatione ecclesiæ Sancti Leonardi in Londonia.

The Prior is sorry that the

A noble seignur et lour trescher amez en Dieu Sire Jon Counte de Garrenne, de Surrei, et de

giis annuæ pensionis vestræ mittimus ad vos latorem præsentium, juxta nostræ possibilitatis efficaciam secum deferentem decem libras sterlingorum, vobis solvendas in partem solutionis arreragiorum pensionis vestræ prædictæ; quam pecuniam velitis accepere in partem solutionis dictorum arreragiorum, et nobis et confratribus nostris, si placet, relaxetis, juxta puritatem vestræ conscienciæ et discretionis, aliquam portionem dictorum arreragiorum. Advertentes, si placet, et considerantes quod vos nostris temporibus nunquam oneravimus pro negotiis Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ; qua ratione nostris votis seu voluntati felicius annuere in hac parte poteritis, ut speramus. Valete in Christo. Recipiatis si placet dictam pecuniam, tradentes dicto latori præsentium litteras vestras acquietancias super hujusmodi receptione; ac etiam nobis rescribentes de statu vestro, et nos, monachum Ecclesiæ Christi, habentes specialiter, juxta vestræ conscienciæ permissionem, recommendatos. Et non habentes pro malo quod nos majorem pecuniam vobis non mittimus hac vice; quia, secundum quod alias vobis scripsimus, archa nostra, quod nobis præcipue pro vobis displicet, pecunia non habundat, et hoc præ oculis vestris si libeat apponatis, nobis per litteras vestras sollatium allaturi. Credimus vero quod si vos ultima vice manu vestra nobis scripsissetis, mentis tranquillitas seu quies aliter quam detinet nos multipliciter possideret. Scriptum Cantuariæ v[to] die Decembris, etc.

555.

To the noble Lord and their dearly beloved in God Sir John Earl Warenne, &c. My Lord, as to your

Church of St. Leonard's had been disposed of before the Earl Warenne applied for the next presentation.

Stratherne, Seignur de Bromfeld et de Yal, Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour, etc. Saluz, etc. Sire, endroit de voz lettres qe vous nous mandastes, les quelx nous receumes a Canterbire le jour de Seint Michel, qe nous voudrioms presenter Sire Willeam de Kendale, vostre chapelleyn, al esglise de Seint Leonard en Estchepe de Loundres, la quele a nostre donesoun appent; veullez savoir, cher Seignur, qe devant ceo qe nous receumes voz lettres, par commun assent de noz fraires, la dite esglise fuist donez. Pur quei, Sire, vous prioms qe a ceste foith nous veullez bonement aver escusez. Et durement nous poise, qe voz lettres neussent venuz a nous a tieux temps, qe vostre volente neust este pleynement parfurnye. A Dieu, cher Seignur, etc.

1334.

L. 180 *a*.

556.—Littera de libero conductu in lingua Gallicana.

A special travelling agent of the Chapter is provided with a pass, entitling him to live at free quarters in any manor of the Convent. On leaving each manor he will give a certificate of his expenses in the shape of a tally.

Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour, etc. As toutz noz sergeantz et ministres de noz maniers par tout, salutz. Come nostre trescher et tresamez clerk A. de B. soit ordine par nous daler en diverses parties pur noz hautes busoignes faire et esploiter, al aide de Dieu, vous maundoms et chargoms, fermement enjoygnant, qe, as toutes ses venues par devers vous, le recevez bien et convenablement, entroiant [1] a luy toutes choses necessaires pur ses coustages pur tout le temps qe y avera a demorrer, en ycele manere com vous ferriez as Gardien de meisme les maniers; faisant taille ou endenture ovesqe luy de ses coustages a son departier. En tesmoignaunce de queu chose nous luy avoms fait cestes noz lettres patentes. Escript a Canterbire le xiiij^{e} jour de Martz lan de grace MCCCXXXIIIJ^{e}.

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letters, which you have sent to us (and) which we received at Canterbury on Michaelmas day, (desiring) that we should present Sir William de Kendale, your chaplain, to the church of St. Leonard Eastcheap in London, which is in our patronage ; be pleased to know, dear Lord, that before we received your letters the said church was disposed of, by the common assent of our brethern. Wherefore, my Lord, we pray you that on this occasion you will kindly hold us excused; and it greatly troubles us that your letters should not have come to us in time for your wishes to be fully accomplished. Adieu, &c.

556.

Richard by God's permission Prior, &c. to all our serjeants and officials in all our manors wherever situate. Whereas our beloved clerk A. de B. is selected by us to travel in various districts to conduct and conclude our important affairs, with God's help, we command and charge you, firmly enjoining that whenever he comes to you, you receive him well and suitably, providing him with all things necessary for his consumption during all the time he may have to remain, on the same scale as you would do for the Warden of our said manors; making with him a tally or bipartite indenture of his costs when he leaves you. In testimony of which we have made for him these letters patent. Written, &c.

(Dec. 1334.)

L. 38 *b*.

557.—Littera directa J. Braydeston Senescallo pro terra quæ fuit Rogerii de Berniers quam Episcopus Exoniensis adquisivit.

In the time of the Prior's predecessor the Bishop of Exeter bought some land in the fee of the Convent (at Cheam) and the present Prior suggests to the *Seneschal of the Liberties* that the Bishop obtained no licence in mortmain, and that therefore the lands escheated to the Convent. He also asks the Seneschal to give attention to the matter of the insubordinate tenants at Monks Risborough.

Salutz, etc. Nous avoms bien entenduz les lettres, les quelx vous nous maundastes nadgaires a Canterbirs pur les terres qe le Evesqe de Excestre purchasa de Rogier de Berniers, a luy et a sa Esglise, les quelx terres furent de nostre fee; et pur ceo qe y furent alienez en morte main sanz conge de nostre predecessour et de nostre Chapitle, y nous semble qe nous pooms bien seysir et entrer en les dites terres, et les retenier, sanz tort faire a nully. Par quey vous prioms cherement, qe veullez approchier le Eschetour Willeam de Northo, et luy priez, de par nous, qil veulle de ceste chose surser tantqe y viegne a Canterbirs, et qe nous puissoms entre vous et nous et altres de nostre conseil parler et trestier coment meuz purra estre de ceste chose, et estre pese et redresse solom la ley si nul tort soit fait. Daltre part, vous prioms qe vous prengnez al cuer les busoignes qi pendent entre nous et noz tenantz de Ryssebergh, et nous avoms maunde noz lettres a James Frysele, qil vous soit aidant et conseillant en celes busoignes ove toute laide qil purra mettre pur lamour de nous. Et veullez mettre tiele diligence entre vous deux, issint qe nous puissoms aver nostre recoverier solom la ley; kar nous et noz fraires avoms les dites busoignes grandement a cuer, et sumes en volente de faire la suyte. Nous vous mandoms une lettrè qi va a Thomas de Ledrede, qi touche les terres qi nous avoms seisi qi furent al Evesqe de Excestre; la quele lettre nous vous prioms qe vous luy veullez mander. A Dieu, cher amy, qi vous gard, et vous donit grace de bien esploiter nos busoignes. Escript a Canterbirs, etc.

Consimilis littera directa fuit Thomæ Ledrede super eadem materia concernente Episcopum Exoniensem et nos, ad illa verba: *Daltre part*.

557.

Greeting. We have thoroughly comprehended the letters which you lately sent to us at Canterbury touching the lands which the Bishop of Exeter bought of Roger de Berners for himself and his Church, which lands lay in our fee; and because they were alienated in *mortmain* without the license of our predecessor and of our Chapter, it appears to us that we may properly seize and enter upon the same lands and retain them without wrong done to anyone. Wherefore we pray you to go to William de Northo, the Escheator, and beg him on our behalf that he will postpone this matter until he comes to Canterbury, so that we may be able to discuss and agree, between us and you and others of our counsel how this thing may be done for the best, and be considered and arranged according to law, so that no wrong be done. Moreover, we beg you to take to heart the matters which are in suspense between us and our tenants at Risborough; and we have sent letters to James Frysel, asking him for the love of us that he will be a helper and adviser to you in these matters with all the help he can bring to bear. And please between you both to use such diligence that we may have our redress according to law; for we and our brethren have these things greatly at heart, and are determined to follow the matter up. We send you a letter for Thomas of Leatherhead, which concerns the land we have seized belonging to the Bishop of Exeter, which letter we pray you to forward. *A Dieu*, dear Friend, who keep you, and give you grace to do our business well. Written, &c.

3 Feb. 1335.

L. 107 *a*.

558.—De prima visitatione Domini J. Archiepiscopi in sua Ecclesia Cantuariensi.

In the course of an Archiepiscopal visitation the Prior takes alarm at some proposals for correcting his monks, and makes this protest against any correction not administered by himself, in case the Archbishop, in the farther course of his visitation, should think fit to enjoin any.

Memorandum quod Dominus J. Archiepiscopus incepit suam primam visitationem, in domo capitulari Ecclesiæ supradictæ, die iij° mensis Februarii, quæ fuit in crastino Purificationis Beatæ Mariæ et in festo Sancti Blasii, anno Domini MCCCXXXIIIJ^{to}. Et si quæ post hujusmodi visitationem, ut prædicitur inchoatam, sint acta de novo, quæ fratres et commonachos ejusdem Ecclesiæ contingunt, et per nos Ricardum Priorem debent, juxta instituta regularia, reformari, nos Ricardus Prior volumus, de consensu fratrum nostrorum, super hujusmodi actis, si quæ sint, correctionem facere secundum quod exigunt seu requirunt regularia instituta. Et nos Ricardus Prior protestamur, nos velle procedere, ut prædicitur, ad corrigendum, videlicet, summarie, de plano, sine figura judicii. Nos etiam Ricardus Prior protestamur quod non intendimus in præjudicium Domini Archiepiscopi prædicti aliquid attemptare, vel intromittere de articulis pendentibus in sua visitatione supradicta. Et injungimus nostris fratribus et commonachis, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, quod nullus frater seu fratres pro hujusmodi reformatione, per nos ut superius diximus facienda, nobis aliquid malitiose revelet seu revelent. Et memorandum quod, de consensu fratrum nostrorum, debent assistere nobis Fratres Edmundus de Adesham Pœnitenti-

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15 Feb. 1335.

L. 39 *a*.

560.—Littera directa Jacobo Frysel ut ad nos accedat nobiscum tractaturus super quibusdam concernentibus manerium de Ryssebergh.

Whilst praising

Salutz, etc. De ceo qe vous estes toutz jours bien et lealment porte devers nous, entravaillent pur la salvete

arius, et Robertus de Newenton, propter fidele testimonium perhibendum.

Est ne fama, etc., etc.[1]

559.—Littera responsoria directa Abbati de Boxele, super petitione sua ut possit sibi appropriare et tenere viij. acras terræ et dimidiam pertinentes ad manerium nostrum de Holingbourne, quæ annuatim ad idem manerium reddunt xxxiij. denarios. (Feb. 1335.) L. 39 *a*.

Salutem quam peperit puerpera singularis. Domine reverende, recepimus litteras vestras xxiiij^to^ die Januarii apud Cantuariam, quibus intellectis, vobis innotescimus per præsentes, quod adhuc sine majori deliberatione non valemus annuere votis vestris, de quibus nobis specialem fecistis in hujusmodi litteris mentionem. Scitis vero, quod si vellemus vobis et Conventui vestro concedere quod obtatis, Ecclesia nostra sui juris portione partiali, quod nolletis ut supponimus, privaretur; videlicet, quo ad eschaetas et alia quæ vestræ discretionis arbitrium non ignorat. Verumptamen, si tempore succedente sanior deliberatio quo ad præmissa, de consensu fratrum nostrorum, nos attingat, vobis quæ sine lesione juris Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis fieri potuerit favorabiliter, ut intendimus, faciemus. Valeat in Christo vestra sinceritas caritatis. Script., etc.

The Abbot of Boxley, wishing to acquire some land at Hollingbourne, in the fee of the Convent of Christ Church, has asked the Chapter for licence to purchase; but for some reason, connected with feudal tenure, the Prior does not at present feel inclined to consent.

560.

Greeting. For that you have always borne yourself truly and loyally towards us, concerning yourself for the

[1] This memorandum ends abruptly, a blank space being left below for its completion, which was never effected.

the Steward's discretion in managing the manor of Risborough, the Prior complains that the state of the manor is worse and not better in consequence of the visit of the Chief Seneschal; he therefore asks the Steward to come to Canterbury to confer with him.

de noz droitures en voz parties, vous mercioms molt, et appercevoms par tant vostre grant lealte et lamour qe vous avez a nous et a nostre Esglise. Et tout soit ensi qe nadgaires ussoms maunde nostre Seneschal par devers vous, pur redresser ascunes busoignes touchantz nostre manoir de Ryssebergh qi estoient mesalez, esperants qil le duist avoir fait; et puis avoms entenduz qe meismes celes sont plus empirez par cause de sa venue qe devant ne furent, qe molt nous esnuye; et pur tant qe nous ne pooms soeffrier en nulle manere les choses ensi rester[1] longement qe nous ne mettoms la mayn pur les remeinier al point, pur meintener le droit de nostre Esglise, et a ceo parfaire nous busoigne avoir vostre avisiment et conseil, vous prioms, si especialement qe nous poms, qe, vewes cestes noz lettres, aplusenhaste qe vous poez vous traiez devers nous, rescrivant a nous par voz lettres, et par le portour de cestes, le temps quant vous purrez certeignement venier. Et veullez savoir, qe nous et noz fraires sumes molt confortez de ceo qe nous avoms entenduz, qe vous estes de bone volente de venier a nous a nostre requeste, et ove nous trestier et conseiller de les busoignes susdites; et certeignement vous nous troverez prest de faire solom vostre avisement et conseil. A Dieu, etc. Escript a Caunterbire le xv^e jour de Faverier.

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21 Feb. 1335. L. 39 *b.*

561.—LITTERA ABSOLUTORIA MISSA PRIORI PRO ALIIS VEL ALIO, RATIONE CAUSÆ QUÆ IN EADEM PATET.

The Archbishop empowers the Prior to absolve any or all

Johannes permissione, etc. venerabili et religioso viro Domino Ricardo Priori Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuar. salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Ad absolvendum in forma juris, vice et auctoritate nostra, Conventum vestrum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis,

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[1] *reottier*, MS.

preservation of our rights in your parts, we thank you greatly, and thereby perceive the great affection and loyalty which you have for us and our Church. And although it is so, that lately we sent our Seneschal to you to put right certain matters touching our manor of Risborough which had gone wrong, hoping that he would have done it, and yet afterwards we heard that these very affairs have become worse than they werebefore, as a result of his visit, which vexes us much, to such a degree that we can in no way permit things so to go on without putting a hand to bring them back to a better state, for the saving of the right of our Church; and as in order to effect this we must have your advice and counsel, we pray you, as specially as we can, that, having seen these letters, you will draw near to us in all the haste you can, and that you will reply to us by your letters and by the bearer of these, telling us the time when you can assuredly come. And please to understand that we and our brethren are much consoled with what we have heard, namely, that you are willing to come to us at our request, and to discuss with us the above-mentioned matters and to advise us upon them; and you shall certainly find us prepared to act according to your advice and counsel. Adieu, &c.

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et quamcumque personam singularem de fratribus vestris commonachis, a quibuscunque sententiis suspensionis vel excommunicationis, si quam vel quas occasione decimæ prædictæ vel partis ejusdem statuto termine non solutæ, in non solventes auctoritate nostra promulgatis, quomodolibet incurrerint, vel aliquis eorum incurrerit, necnon interdictum, si quod fuerit occasione præmissa in ecclesia vestra prædicta inter-

of his monks from the consequences of any irregularity into which they may have fallen through delayed payment of a tenth of which payment was

enjoined by ecclesiastical censures.

positum, relaxandum, vobis, tenore præsentium, concedimus facultatem. In cujus, etc.

21 Feb. 1335.

562.—Forma absolutionis.

L 39 *b*.

Form to be used in the above-mentioned absolution.

A quibuscunque sententiis suspensionis vel excommunicationis, si quam vel quas occasione decimæ vel partis ejusdem Domino Regi nuper concessæ, statuto termino Dominis Abbati de Faversham et ejusdem loci Conventui non solutæ, quomodolibet incurristi, auctoritate dictorum Abbatis et Conventus ego te absolvo, et ad sacramenta Ecclesiæ te restituo.

4 Mar. 1335.

L. 39 *b*.

563.—Littera missa Domino Johanni Archiepiscopo pro sua littera citatoria continente quædam vendicata ab Archidiacono Cantuariensi.

The Commissary of Canterbury directed to cite the Archdeacon on a matter touching capitular jurisdiction, has not only cited him but also all who are concerned in the matter; the Chapter are concerned, and resenting a citation of the Commissary as a breach of privilege

Reverendo patri suo, quicquid obedientiæ poterit et honoris. Auctoritate vestri mandati, per quod discretus vir vester Archidiaconus Cantuariensis, ad certos diem et locum in ipso mandato contentos, super quibusdam jurisdictionis capitularis facturus quod[1] idem mandatum desiderat, mandabatur citari, fuit per Commissarium vestrum Cantuariensem facta nuper quædam denuntiatio generalis, quod coram vobis comparerent ad eosdem diem et locum qui sua in ea parte crederent interesse, facturi et recepturi quod justicia suaderet. Et licet intersit vestri Capituli ea non procedere quæ dictus Dominus Archidiaconus in hac parte dicitur vendicare, propter vacantis sedis eventum, (qui in tempus longævum per Dei gratiam differatur) considerantes tamen ego et alii fratres vestri Capituli supradicti quod ad vos solida pertinet defensio, sede plena, qui benedictus sit Deus scitis potestis et vultis pro viribus ut speramus illæsam Ecclesiam conservare, credimus vestram prudentiam circumspectam nolle

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nos sub denuntiatione generali hujusmodi comprehendi, qui vobis in concernentibus Ecclesiam vestram assistere cupimus, ut tenemur. Sed quia in nostris agendis, ad vos, tanquam nostrum refugium principale, signanter confugere possumus et debemus, ad vestram reverendam paternitatem recurrentes, preces humiles infundimus ex affectu, quatinus dignemini nobis per vestras circumspectas litteras intimare quid nobis in hac parte reputabitis securius faciendum. Dominus ducem sui populi diu ducat, ut sint ab hostium insidiis ambo salvi. Scriptum Cantuariæ iiij^to^ die mensis Maii.[1]

they appeal to the Archbishop.

564.—RESPONSIO AD LITTERAM PROXIME PRÆSCRIPTAM, PER DOMINUM JOHANNEM ARCHIEPISCOPUM.

6 Mar. (1335).

L. 39 *b*.

Salutem cum benedictione Dei et nostra. Litteras vestras quas harum bajulus nobis detulit satis intelleximus, scireque vos volumus intentionem nostram plene, et propositum in hac parte. Archidiaconus noster Cantuariensis asserit multa, quæ nobis de jure communi incumbere dinoscuntur, ad ipsum et archidyaconatum suum, de antiqua consuetudine, pertinere, prout in mandato nostro directo ad citandum eundem seriosius continetur; cujus assertioni stare nolumus, sicuti non debemus, nec de jure suo, si quod habet, in occultis extrajudicialiter informari. Citationem igitur et denuntiationes, de quibus nobis scribitis, mandavimus fieri palam et publice, sicut nostis, ad effectum ut in lucem plena veritas deducatur. Absit enim quod permitteremus præfatum Archidiaconum, vel quemcunque alium, jura nobis debita nostris temporibus usurpare, nisi statim, pro posse nostro, apponeremus remedium opportunum. Unde vellemus quod tam Capitulum nostrum, quam ali quorum interest, pro conservatione juris Ecclesiæ nostræ, contra dictum Archidiaconum et consuetudinem

The Archbishop very firmly tells the Chapter that the Archdeacon claims privileges which are derogatory to his office and his Church, and he means to have the whole matter publicly discussed. Therefore the Chapter need not think that by being cited their privileges are endangered.

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[1] A scribe's error for *Martii*.

per eum prætensam, coram nobis proponerent quicquid scirent. Cum enim simus justiciæ debitores, oportet quod singulis petentibus, pro posse nostro, ipsius plenitudinem impendamus, et hoc affectamus intime, Deo teste. Feliciter valeatis. Scriptum apud Faversham vj^{to} die mensis Martii.

28 May (1335).

L. 41 *a*.

565.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO PRIORI DE LEDES QUOD IPSE VELIT ACCEPTARE SOLUTIONEM DECIMÆ PER NOS FACTAM ALIIS COLLECTORIBUS, DUMMODO TAMEN CONSERVETUR INDEMPNIS.

In the collection of the King's tenth the Convent have as usual paid for all their estates in one sum, but the Prior of Ledes has demanded separate payments for the

Salutem cum sinceræ karitatis affectu. Domine reverende, ex parte nostra et Conventus vobis gratiarum actiones referimus cumulatas, quod vos, ad instantiam nostram, humanitatis beneficia pridie dilecto nobis in Christo Magistro Thomæ de Cantuaria liberaliter, vestri gratia, impendere voluistis; sibi concedentes et tradentes, pro nostræ conscienciæ serenatione, unam acquietantiam gratiosam, sigillo vestro signatam, nos et ecclesiam, sicut scitis, specialiter concernentem, quoad decimas temporalium et spiritualium nostrorum existentium in decanatibus exemptis, ubi vos et Conventus vester, sicut nimis tarde intelleximus, estis

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(Mar. 1335.)

L. 40 *a*.

566.—LITTERA MISSA J. FRYSEL PRO NEGOTIO DE RYSSEBERGH.

In the matter of the mutinous tenants of Risborough, the Steward has advised that the protection of some

Salutz. Nous vous mercioms tanqe savoms et pooms des amyables lettres qe vous nous avez maunde, et du conseil profitable contenuz de deinz celes, le queil nous esperoms, apres laide de Dieu, estre le maillour; cest adire, de attrere la seignurie et la amistez devers nous de Counte de Hereford, ou de Monsire Willeam de Bohon son fraire, ou de Monsire W. de Montaguez, qe se vousissent entremettre pur nous, et le droit de nostre Esglise sauver et maintenier contre noz rebealz

deputati ad colligendum decimam secundam, quam pro majori parte solvimus aliis collectoribus in partibus remotis. Et videtur nobis valde onerosum dictam decimam repetere et rehabere ac vobis eam mittere seu deferre. Hac ratione, pro hujusmodi onere tædioso vitando, vobis infundimus preces ex affectu, quatinus sic acceptare velitis et approbare præfatam solutionem ac si esset vobis facta, dummodo tamen illi quibus est facta solutio parati sunt, in compoto suo reddendo, vos exonerare ac indempnes conservare totaliter, ut tenentur; quibus pro hujusmodi exoneratione nos, ut intendimus, in brevi nostras litteras transmittemus, secundum formam quæ pro nobis nuper missa fuerat Priori Roffensi, qui nobis, sui gratia, favorabiliter rescribebat, et copiam suarum litterarum vobis mittimus, ex causa, præsentibus interclusam. Valeat in Christo salutis vestræ felix prosperitas temporibus diutinis; et, si placet, nobis remittatis per litteras vestras beneplacitum vestrum super præmissis, præsentium per latorem. Scriptum Cantuariæ xxviij° die Maii.

estates in his collecting district, hence the Prior asks him to be satisfied by the acquittance obtained for the lump sum.

Idem Prior de Ledes nobis litteratorie respondit quod non potuit juxta consilium suum annuere precibus nostris in hiis contentis.

But the Prior of Ledes refused.

566.

Greeting. We thank you as much as we know and can for your amiable letters which you have sent us, and for the profitable advice contained in them, which we hope, with the help of God, will prove to be of the best; that is to say, that we should attract the patronage and the friendship of the Earl of Hereford to our party, or that of Sir William de Bohun, his brother, or of Sir William de Montague, who should be willing to interpose for us to save and uphold the right of our Church

great nobles should be obtained. The Prior consenting agrees that the Steward shall have *carte blanche* to secure such nobles. The present Chief Seneschal is to have other employment and to give up his office, and the Prior would like to engage John de Stonor, but if he decline, the Steward is asked to name some other great man who will accept the office.

et contrairalntz en voz parties. Savoir vous fesoms, qe nous agreoms bien qe ensi soit, et vous prioms, si trescherement com nous plus pooms, qe vous plese ensi ordiner devers ascun a cui vous fiez, si vous meismes faire ne puissez de approche as les avantditz grantz de trestier ovesqes eux, al fyn qils vousissent estre del assent de emprendre de mayntenier la busoigne avant dite, solonc Dieu et droiture; mettant en certeyn ces qe il lour plust a prendre pur meisme la cause. Et entendez, lealment qe ceo qe vous [ferrez], ou altre deputez par vous ferra, devers les ditz grantz, sil vous semble qil est mestier de toutz retenier ou de partie de eaux, solonc vostre avysement, ou daltres grantz en defalte de eaux qi ne vorront assentier, tendroms en toutz pointz ferm et estable, sanz venier a lencountre pur nul meschieff. Mais, toute foith, pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe vous etes a mal aise du corps, sumes tropgrandement desconfortez; sur quey nous prioms al Jesu Crist de bon cuer, qi vous remene a sauncte hastivement, et vous donit bone vie et longe. Et veullez savoir qe nous bioms ordiner qe Johan de Braydeston qest ore nostre Seneschal nous aide en altre degree, et soit deschargee de la seneschaltie; et pur ceo vous prioms cherement, qe vous plese nous certifier par voz lettres sil fait afaire de prier Monsire Johan de Stonore qil veulle estre nostre Seneschal; kar, com vous bien savez, y covient avier un grant de meintenier nostre droit, et de redresser le tort a nous fait et a nostre Esglise. Et si le dit Monsire Jon ne veut emprendre la charge destre nostre Seneschal, vous plese nomer a nous ascun altre grant qi nous puisse bien aider en cele office. Endroit de cestes choses nous remandez vostre volente par le portour de cestes. A Dieu, etc. Escript, etc.

against our rebels and opponents in your parts. We let you know, that we quite consent that it may be so, and we pray you as earnestly as we can, that you will be pleased to thus arrange with some one in whom you have confidence, in case you yourself cannot approach the said nobles, to treat with them, in order that they may be brought to consent to undertake the aforesaid business, after the rule of God and right; ascertaining what it will satisfy them to receive on this account. And understand, that whatever you shall do, or another person deputed by you shall do in connexion with these noblemen, whether you think it necessary to retain them all, or only some of them according to your better judgment, or others instead of those above named if they are not willing to consent, we will confirm without contradiction at any risk. But at the same time, hearing as we do that you are sick in body we are seriously concerned; and for this cause we pray heartily to Jesus Christ, and may he speedily bring you back to health and give you a good and a long life. And please to understand, that we intend to arrange that John de Braydeston who is now our Seneschal shall work for us in some other capacity, and shall be released from his office of Seneschal; and therefore we pray you earnestly that you will please to certify us by your letters if it can be managed, that we may ask Sir John Stonor that he will consent to be our Seneschal; for as you well know it is advisable to have some great man to maintain our right, and to redress the great wrong done to us and our Church. And if the said Sir John is not willing to undertake the burden of being our Seneschal, please to name to us some other great man who may be able to help us in that office. As to these things send us your wishes by the bearer ot these letters.

22 Mar. (1335).

567.—Altera littera missa eidem J. pro negotio de Rysseberg supradicto.

In continuation of the last letter. The Chief Seneschal is discharged, and it being necessary to employ in his place a man of high standing who is wise, well known, and popular, the steward is asked to put the matter before J. de Stonore. The Steward has been sued in the County of Bucks by Lady Fitz-Neal about the pannage of hogs in Risborough wood, and great loss has been suffered for want of a *composition* which the late Seneschal promised to exhibit but

Salutz, etc. Cher amy, nous receumes voz lettres lendemayn del la Annunciacion Nostre Dame a Canterbirs, les quelx nous avoms bien entenduz. Et veullez savoir qe nous avoms parle as noz fraires, et as eux monstre voz dites lettres, et nous et noz fraires sumes molt confortez de vostre bon conseil qe nous avoms entenduz en meimes celes. Et par ceo qe nous vous mandames nadgaires, com vous bien savez, qe Jon de Braydeston duist estre descharge de la seneschaltie, nous vous certifioms par noz lettres qe le dit Jon est descharge de dit office, en quiel leu y nous covient avier un grant, qi soit sage, connuz, et amez entre les grantz; et, solom ceo qe nous avoms entenduz, un tiel est Monsire J. de Stonore; pur quey nous prioms cherement, par assent de noz fraires, qe vous plese approcher al dit Monsire J., et luy prier, de par nous solonc vostre discrecion, qil veulle emprendre la charge destre nostre Seneschal; et sil veulle grantier vostre priere, nous, apres son conseil et le vostre, parleroms et tresteroms ove ascuns altres gentz de mayntenier par poair nostre droit, et de redresser le tort qest a nous fait. Et ne veullez prendre a mal qe nous ne mandoms a ceste foith un de noz fraires de parlier a luy joyntement ove vous de les dites busoignes, kar ceo ne pooms mye ore bonementes faire; et nous entendoms qe vous le frez bien meismes saunz maundier a vous nul de noz fraires; et nous agreeroms et tendroms ferm et estable quantqe vous ordinez. Et endroit de ceo qe vous nous faites assavoir, qe nous sumes emplede en le counte de Buks par la Dame de Fitz-Neal, pur pannage de nostre boys de Rysserbergh, et qe vous avez par grant damage continue la chose de counte en counte, par defalte de la composicion qe Johan de

567.

Greeting, &c. Dear Friend, we received your letters on the morrow of the Annunciation of Our Lady, at Canterbury, and we have thoroughly mastered their contents. And please to understand that we have spoken with our brethren and have shown them your said letters, and we and our brethren are much consoled by the good advice that we have found in the same. And whereas we lately sent word to you, as you well know, that John de Braydeston was to be discharged from his stewardship, we let you know by these present letters, that the said John is removed from the said office, and in his place it is expedient to have some great man who is prudent, well known, and popular among the nobility; and, from what we have heard, such a man is Sir John Stonor; wherefore we earnestly pray you, with the assent of our brethren, that you will please to see the said Sir John, and pray him, on our behalf, as shall seem best to you, that he will be pleased to undertake the burthen of being our Seneschal; and if he is willing to grant your prayer, after his counsel and yours, we will speak to and treat with other persons who may by their power maintain our rights, and redress the wrong which is done to us. And do not take it amiss that on this occasion we do not send one of our brethren to speak with him together with yourself on the said matters, for at present we cannot well do this; and we have reason to think that you will manage it very well by yourself without any of our brethren being sent; and we will accept and hold firm and stable whatever you settle. And as for what you tell us, namely, that we are sued in the County of Bucks by the Lady Fitz-Neal for the pannage of hogs in our woods at Risborough, and that you have with great cost prolonged the matter from one county court to another, for lack of the *composition*

failed to do so; hence the Prior sends an attested copy, but fears to trust the original to a servant. A letter of credence is sent recommending the Steward to Sir J. de Stonor.

Braydeston vous promist davier fait venier, nous vous maundoms la copie de la composicion avantdite, desouz le seal le Commissaire de Caunterbire, en priant qe vous ne le prenez a mal qe nous ne vous maundoms le original a ore, kar nous ne osomes la dite composicion bailler a nul garcion, par doute de perte ou de altre meschieff qe poet avenier; mais si vous me[1] faites assavoir qil busoigne la dite composition maunder, nous le vous maundroms par le Gardeyn a sa proscheine venue apres Pasch. Et bien esperoms, par laide de Dieu et vostre bone diligence, en le men temps estre sanz damage. Et sachez, qe nous et Dantz Richard de Wyllardeseye nostre Suppriour, qi ad bone aqueyntaunce del dit Monsire Jon, maundoms deux lettres, des quelx nous vous maundoms copies, et vous prioms especialment qe vous plese les dites lettres a luy bailler de par nous. Et vous prioms, qe vous veullez user la robe qe nous vous maundames en honur de nous; entendant qe nous, solonc nostre poair et par vostre aide, les busoignes susdites mettroms en bon esploit. A Dieu, etc. Escript a Caunterbire le xxix. jour de Martz.

Mar. 1335.

L. 40 *a*.

568.—Une lettre de credence pur la dite busoigne.

The Prior regretting that he has never made Sir John Stonor's acquaintance, and that he cannot do so now,

A son trescher amy Monsire Jon de Stonore, Richard, etc. salutz, etc. Cher Sire, nous avoms entenduz qe vous estes bon amy a nostre Esglise, la vous merciz; et molt le plus desiroms avier vostre aqueyntaunce, qe nous ne avoms eu devant cest heure; et nous ne pooms meismes ore a vous parlier, qe durement nous poise. Nous avoms maunde nostre volente devers vous par nostre cher et bien amez en Dieu J. de F.,

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[1] *ne*, MS.

that John de Braydeston promised to produce, we now send you a copy of the aforesaid *composition*, certified by the seal of the Commissary of Canterbury; begging you not to be hurt that at the present time we do not send you the original, but we do not dare entrust the said *composition* to a groom for fear of loss or some other mischance which might happen; but if you will let us know if it is necessary to send the said *composition*, we will send it by the Warden of our Manors at his next visit after Easter. And we sincerely hope, by the help of God and of your diligence, to be safe from loss in the mean time. And know that we and Dom Richard de Willardeseye our Sub-Prior, who knows the said Sir John well, send two letters, furnishing you with copies of them, and we specially pray you to be pleased to deliver them to him as from us. And we pray you that you will be pleased to wear the (livery) gown which we have sent you, in our honour; believing that, to the best of our power and by your help we shall bring the above-mentioned affairs to a good ending. A Dieu, &c.

568.

To his very dear Sir John de Stonore, Richard, &c. greeting, &c. Dear Sir, we have understood that you are a good friend to our Church, for which you have our thanks; and all the more we desire to have acquaintance with you, which up to this time we have never had; and even now we are not able to speak to you in person, which troubles us much. We have entrusted our wishes in which you are concerned to our dear and

introduces J. Frysel the Steward, who will explain what is necessary.

portour de cestes, a cui vous prioms cherement, qe vous veullez doner parfite credence de ceo qil vous dirra de bouche, de par nous. A Dieu, Sire, etc. Et si rien soit qe vous veullez devers nous, nous vous serroms assez prests . . . . . A Dieu, etc.

6 May 1335.

L. 41 *a*.

569.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO REGI PRO CARIAGIO FACIENDO VERSUS PARTES SCOTIÆ.

The King has demanded from the Convent a contribution of a waggon and five horses towards the transport service of his Scottish war, and the Prior promises to furnish them.

A son trescher et treshonurable Seignur, Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roy Dengleterre, Seignur Dirland, et Ducx Dacquytaine, son chapelleyn Richard Priour del Esglise de Canterbire, salutz, etc. Trescher Sire, endroit de ceo qe vous me avez maunde par voz lettres, les queux jeo receu le quart jour de Maii proschein passe; en queux est contenuz qe vous, en defense de vostre realme, biez retournier proscheinement as parties Descoce, pur vostre guerre finier illoesqes, od laide de Dieu, et bosoignez davoir grant foison de cariage; pur quey vous me maundez qe, moy chargeant cele necessite qest si grande, vous envoye sanz delai une charette od cink chevaux et tout lapparail, en aide de vostre cariage avantdit; issint qils soient a vous a Noefchastel-sur-Tyne lendemayne de la Trinite proschein avenier aplustart. Trescher Sire, veullez savoir qe jeo serroy prest solonc mon poair afaire ceo qe vous avez maunde en voz lettres susdites. A Dieu, Sire, qi vous donit bone vie et longe, et victorie de voz enemys. Escript a Broke le vj[e] jour de Maii avantdit, lan de grace M[l]CCCXXXV.

25 May 1335.

L. 41 *a*.

570.—ALIA LITTERA MISSA EIDEM ET PRO EODEM NEGOTIO.

The Prior repeats his promise to

A son trescher Seignur, etc. *ut supra*. Trescher Seignur, endroit de ceo qe vous me mandastes

well beloved in God J. de Frysel, bearer of this, and to him we earnestly beg you to give complete credence in all that he shall say to you by word of mouth on our behalf. And if there be anything that you desire at our hands we shall be most ready . . . . . Adieu, &c.

569.

To his very dear and right honourable Lord, Sir Edward by the grace of God, &c. his Chaplain Richard Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, &c. Very dear Sire, as to what you have required of me in your letters, which I received the fourth day of May last past, in which there is contained that, in defence of your realm, you propose to shortly return to the borders of Scotland, in order to put an end to your war there, with God's help, and that you require to have great plenty of means of transport; wherefore you send me word that, this so great necessity urging me, I should send you without delay a waggon with five horses and all their furniture in aid of your aforesaid transport, so that they may be with you at Newcastle-upon-Tyne at the latest on the morrow of Trinity Sunday next coming. Very dear Sire, please to know that I shall be ready to the extent of my power to do that which you have demanded in your above-mentioned letters. God be with you, Sire, and give you a good and a long life, and victory over your enemies.

570.

To his very dear Lord, &c. *as above.* Very dear Lord, as to what you commanded me lately by your letters,

supply transport.

nagueres par voz lettres, les queux jeo receu le quart jour de Maii proschein passe, qe vous endefense de vostre realme biez retourner as parties Descoce, pur vostre guerre finier illoesqes od laide de Dieu, et busoignez davoir grant foison de cariage, pur quey vous me mandastes qe jeo vous envoyasse une charette ove cink chevaux et tout lapparail, en aide de vostre cariage avantdit; issint quils fuissent a vous a Noefchastel-sur-Tyne lendemeyn de la Trinite proscheyn suyvant; sachez, trescher Seignur, qe jeo suy prest afaire vostre maundement solonc mon poair; et si envoy a Noefchastel susdit avant la feste de la Trinite une charette ove cink chevaux a celuy qi serra assignez de les recevire. A Dieu, trescher Sire, qi vous gard et quantqe a vous appent, et vous donit bon esploit de vostre emprise. Escript a Canterbire le xxv. jour de Maii avantdit, lan *ut supra.*

Item: une lettre est maunde a recevour des cariages nostre Seignur le Roy pur meismes les busoignes.

(May 1335.) L. 41 *a.*

571.—Littera missa Domino Willelmo de Clynton pro negotio supradictis.

Sir W. Clinton (at Newcastle) is asked to assist the Prior's servant in delivering the waggon and horses to the Receiver of transport, and to procure that he may have a proper official receipt.

Richard, etc. Cher Sire, sachez qe nous enveoms, par nostre cher vadlet H. de S. portour de cestes, une charette ove cink chevaux et tout lapparail a nostre Seignur le Roy, en aide de ses cariages vers les parties Descoce. Et pur ceo vous prioms, auxi cherement com nous poms, qe vous soiez en aide au dit nostre portour, qil fuist tost et bien esploite de son message, et qil puisse avoir lettres du Recevour des cariages nostre dit Seignur le Roy vers les dites parties de la deliveraunce de nostre charette susdite. A Dieu, Sire, etc. Escript, etc. lan, etc.

which I received the fourth day of May last past, namely that you, in defence of your realm, propose to return to the borders of Scotland, there by the help of God to put an end to your war, and that you require to have great plenty of means of transport, wherefore you required me to send you a waggon and five horses with all their furniture in aid of your aforesaid transport, so that they might be at Newcastle-upon-Tyne on the Morrow of Trinity Sunday next coming; know, very dear Lord, that I am ready to obey your command to the utmost of my power, and so I am sending to Newcastle abovenamed, before Trinity Sunday, a waggon and five horses to the officer appointed to receive them. God be with you, very dear Sire, and keep you and all belonging to you, and grant you a happy result to your enterprise.

Item: a letter is sent to the Baggage-Master of Our Lord the King for the same business.

571.

Richard, &c. Dear Sir, know that we send by our dear servant H. de S., bearer of these, a waggon with five horses and all the fittings to our Lord the King, as a contribution towards his transport service for Scotland. We therefore pray you, as earnestly as we can, that you help our said messenger, so that he may soon be discharged of his business, and that he may obtain a written receipt for the delivery of our aforesaid waggon from the Receiver of transport of our said Lord the King in those parts.

31 May 1335.

L. 109 *a*.

The servants employed in the Cellarer's department having been found excessive in number he is enjoined to dismiss all not included in the annexed list.

572.—Familia quæ est utilis in coquina Conventus.

Memorandum: quod, ultimo die Maii anno Domini M°CCC°XXXV^to^, injunctum fuit Fratri R. de Icham Celerario, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ, quod removeret omnem familiam de suo officio præter familiam subscriptam. Et in crastino ultimi diei Maii supradicti facta fuit executio prædictæ injunctionis per Celerarium supradictum.

Magister cocus cum garcione ejusdem.

Item: secundus cocus sine garcione.

Item: cocus aulæ cum garcione.

Item: potagiarius et discarius habentes unum garcionem.

Item: salsarius cum garcione.

Item: focarius sine garcione.

Item: portitor veniens de villa cum esculentis.

Item: iiij^or^ turnebroches.

Pro coquina Domini Prioris.

Magister cocus cum uno garcione et uno pagio.

De familia Infirmitorii.

Duo servientes cum discatorio et coltonario.[1]

Item: in deporto[2] unus serviens de mensa Magistri cum uno garcione.

Item: pro qualibet camera actualiter occupata per infirmum duo garciones, quorum alter permutatur in coquina cum cocis Conventus.

De familia Aulæ.

Panetarius sine garcione.

Discarius et vigil curiæ cum uno garcione.

Senescallus aulæ, sive gerens vices ejusdem, cum uno garcione.

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[1] The *Colton* was a manor, adjoining the city, assigned to the Infirmary. This officer would probably be the bailiff of the manor.

[2] *deporto. Deportum* (*Ital. diporto*) was that department of the infirmary in which each of the brethren of the Convent was in turn periodically indulged with a relaxation of discipline combined with a more than ordinarily liberal diet.

De familia in celariis panis et cerevisiæ.
Armiger celerarii.
Garcio ad faciendum liberationem panis.
Tractator vini et cerevisiæ cum uno garcione.
Pottarius cum uno garcione.
Item: deputetur unus garcio tantum ad quærendas liberationes factas secularibus de pane et cerevisiæ, sicut solebat fieri.
Item: familia necessaria in stabulo celerarii.

Et facta fuit ista injunctio ac etiam executio diebus et anno supradictis.

573.—Supplicatoria littera missa per Archiepiscopum. (May 1335.)

L. 109 *a*.

Salutem. Amice, quia oportet nos ad instans Parliamentum apud Eboracum dirigere gressus nostros, et quibusdam equis, tam pro vectura nostra quam harnasiis portandis in dicto itinere, indigemus, nec aliquos sufficientes invenire possumus ad emendum, vos rogamus, quatinus de uno palfredo suaviter ambulante et uno summario competenti, nobis, ex accommodato, subvenire velitis, quousque de dictis partibus redeamus. Voluntatem vestram super hiis nobis celeriter remittatis, et in Christo feliciter valeatis. Script. etc.

The Archbishop asks the Prior to lend him a hackney and a sumpter-horse to help to carry himself and his baggage to attend the Parliament at York.

574.—De equis accommodatis Domino Archiepiscopo. 11 June 1335.

L. 109 *a*.

Memorandum quod receptis litteris quarum copia scribitur in capite hujus folii misimus Domino Archiepiscopo prædicto unum palfridum qui fuit Domini Symonis Archiepiscopi, pretii xx. marcarum. Item misimus Domino J. Archiepiscopo supradicto una cum dicto palfrido alium equum, pretii x. marcarum. Et cum ipsis equis misimus duos garciones eidem Domino J. nostras litteras deferentes in quibus fuerat contentum, quod nos sibi misimus dictos equos juxta

The Prior having complied with the Archbishop's request records the fact, probably in order that there may

be no doubt that the Archbishop is bound to restore the horses.

exigentiam suarum litterarum supradictarum, et sic per hujusmodi litterarum inspectionem poterit missio prædicta ac etiam ejus modus specialiter apparere. Et memorandum quod garciones qui, ut præscribitur, ibant cum equis redierunt in festo Sanctæ Trinitatis anno Domini M°CCC°XXX°V^to^, et nobis detulerunt litteras ejusdem Domini J. Archiepiscopi cujus tenor talis est.

6 June 1335.

575.—[Littera Domini Archiepiscopi.]

The Archbishop informs the Prior that, being detained in the North, he has still need of the borrowed horses.

Salutem cum benedictione Dei et nostra. Ad rogatum Domini nostri Regis et aliorum magnatum et procerum regni moram faciemus in partibus borialibus, et habebimus custodiam magni sigilli dum fuerit in Scotia, et ideo equos quos nobis alias misistis penes nos retinebimus. Nova alia, et expeditionem parliamenti, vobis mittemus in brevi. Valete in Christo. Scriptum apud Akum sub sigillo nostro privato vj^to^ die Junii.[1] Priori Cantuariensi.

8 June (1335).

L. 41 *a*.

576.—Littera directa Domino Abbati de Waverle, quod ipse velit retradere nuntio nostro pecuniam sibi indebite solutam pro decima Domino nostro Regi concessa.

The Chapter of Christ Church have paid the King's tenth for their land in the Deanery

Venerabili et religioso vero, Domino . . . . Dei gratia Abbati de Waverle, Ricardus permissione ejusdem Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem, et sinceræ caritatis affectum. Domine reverende, licet decima, in congregatione omnium prælatorum et cleri Cantuariensis provinciæ Londoniis nuper facta, per ipsos prælatos et clerum Domino nostro Regi Angliæ

[1] The Parliament met on 26th May, hence it is probable that the grooms remained in charge of the horses until the Archbishop reached York.

illustri concessa, quatenus nos concernit, ratione temporalium et spiritualium nostrorum in decanatu de Croyndone existentium, vobis fuerit, ex parte nostra, soluta, prout patet evidenter per acquietantias super hoc nobis factas; quia tamen hujusmodi solutio nobis prodesse non potest, nec nos in aliquo relevare, pro eo quod religiosi viri Prior et Conventus de Ledes, Cantuariensis diœcesis, ad colligendum, levandum, et recipiendum hujusmodi decimam in decanatu prædicto, per Dominum nostrum Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum sunt veraciter deputati (prout apparet per commissionem super hoc eis factam, cujus copiam vobis mittimus sigillo dicti Prioris signatam, ex causa, si placet inspiciendam), qui virtute commissionis ejusdem dictam decimam nobis exigunt sub pœnis gravibus et censuris, nec solutionem, ut præmittitur, vobis factam nobis intendunt quomodolibet allocare, licet per nos super hoc fuerint specialiter requisiti, vestram discretionem benevolam votive requirimus et rogamus, quatinus dictam decimam, sic indebite vobis solutam, reddere et retradere velitis nostro procuratori ac speciali nuntio, præsentium portatori, vobis dictas acquietantias deferenti; cui, ad repetendum, exigendum, et recipiendum a vobis eandem decimam, sufficientem in hac parte dedimus potestatem. Dictum igitur nuntium et procuratorem nostrum ita gratiose et curialiter expedire velitis, quod non sit nobis necesse quærere super hoc remedium aliunde, ad evitandum maxime pœnas et censuras prædictas, quas dampnabiliter incurrere multipliciter formidamus. Valeat in Christo vita vestra cum felici prosperitate. Beneplacitum vestrum super præmissis nobis placeat remittere vestra fraternitas per latorem supra dictum. Scriptum Cantuariæ viij° die Junii.

of Croydon to the Abbot of Waverly, but since then the Prior of Ledes has been appointed collector for that deanery, and the Chapter ask for the money to be repaid.

Consimilis littera directa fuit Domino Abbati de Eynesham, quod ipse retradat pecuniam sibi indebite per nos solutam pro dicta decima in decanatu de Ryssebergh.

Similar letters are sent to other dis-

trict collectors.

Item: Consimilis littera missa fuit Prior cathedralis ecclesiæ Norwycensis, quod ipse retradere velit nuntio nostro pecuniam sibi indebite solutam pro Illegh et Hadelegh in decanatu de Bockyngg.

Item: consimilis littera directa Priori et Conventui Sancti Bartholomei Londoniæ, quod ipsi velint retradere nuntio nostro pecuniam ipsis indebite solutam in decanatibus de Bockyngg et Beatæ Mariæ de Arcubus Londoniæ, seu alibi qualitercunque.

L. 108 *b*.

577.

The Prior's memorandum of a letter which he (the Chapter not joining) sent to the Archbishop detained in the North.

Memorandum quod xxvj^to die Maii, anno Domini MCCCXXXV^to, scripsimus Domino J. Archiepiscopo, quod libenter audiremus seu inspiceremus suas litteras, continentes nova de sui status felici prosperitate; scripsimus etiam sibi, quod inter fratres fuit quies seu concordia, benedictus Deus, et alia in nostris litteris sibi misimus, quæ, sui gratia, in quantum in ipso fuit, expedivit, nobis rescribens sub forma quæ sequitur.

11 June 1335.

L. 108 *b*.

578.—Littera regratiatoria Domini J. Archiepiscopi de statu Conventus.

The Archbishop's gracious answer to the Prior's letter alluded to above. He reports that J. de Stonore will not accept the office of Seneschal; and he makes an allusion to the alterations in St. Anselm's

Salutem cum benedictione Dei et nostra. Vobis et aliis nostris filiis prædilectis regratiamur ex corde, quod optatis nos esse in statu prospero atque bono, et illud vobis nostris litteris intimare. Super quo scire velitis, quod sumus in corporis sanitate, et valde gaudemus quod inter vos et nostros filios antedictos est concordia, caritas, et quies quam Deus adaugeat et auctam conservet. Sicut rogastis, tractavimus cum Domino Johanne de Stonore, quem erga vos et Ecclesiam invenimus esse bonæ in omnibus voluntatis. Verumptamen, propter causas quas nobis expressit et vobis alias referemus, suscipere officium Senescalli vestri non potest, et se super hoc multipliciter excusavit. Quantum ad capellam pro qua scripsisti, libenti animo fecimus quod rogastis, et super hoc litteras

nostras clausas vobis transmittimus per præsentium portitorem. Ad hoc, quantum possumus supplicamus ut dictos filios nostros excitare et rogare velitis, quod nos juvent eorum devotis precibus apud Deum, ut quæ sunt sibi placida faciamus, ad ipsius et Ecclesiæ nobis commissæ gloriam et honorem. Adhuc, sciatis quod nos et Dominus Johannes cogitabimus de aliquo sufficienti Senescallo, et ipsum vobis nominabimus, ut faciatis quod in hac parte vobis videbitur faciendum; et si ipse vobis placeat, eum dictus Dominus Johannes, quantum poterit, adjuvabit. Ut optamus valere semper in Domino valeatis. Scriptum apud Akum juxta Eboracum, sub nostro privato sigillo, xjmo die mensis Junii.

Chapel in the Cathedral; the fabric of which Prior Oxenden ruined by the insertion of a large decorated window.

579.—Certificatio de statu Conventus. (July 1335).

L. 108 *b*.

A second letter, in this case sent by the Prior and Chapter combined, addressed to the Archbishop, and assuring him of the existence of peace and concord among the monks of the Canterbury Convent.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino suo reverendo Domino J. Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc. devoti filii Ricardus Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem, cum omni obedientia, reverentia, et honore. Ad patrem transiens, pacis Auctor commendavit suis multotiens caritatem; tanquam suorum discipulorum et familiarium certum signum; et vos, ipsius imitantes doctrinam, sic nobis dilectionis vinculum commendastis, tanquam vestræ visitationis officium quam, benedictus sit Deus et vobis retribuat, sequimur et amplectimur congaudentes. Quia tamen, prout a viris audivimus fidedignis, vobis contrarium est suggestum, qui, vestri gratia, de nobis solliciti, bona nova quæ nos concernant frequenter appetitis ascultare, vestræ paternitati reverendæ notum facimus, si placeat, per hæc scripta, quod nos, consideratis exhortationibus salutaribus et informationibus vestris paternis, cooperante spirituali gubernatore, sicut per vos positi sumus sic jam stamus amicabiliter conviventes, et affectantes continue servare invicem

spiritus unitatem, quæ viget inter nos, cum lætitia tranquillitatis, in tantum quod observantia regularis optinet principatum. Et hujusmodi pacis evidentia sufficiens vobis, ut speramus, specialiter et efficaciter apparebit cum ad Ecclesiam vestram Cantuariensem decreveritis, quod erit in brevi Deo dante, personaliter declinare. Et advertere dignetur vestra benigna paternitas, quod dominationi vestræ super istis duximus scribendum, ne cor vestrum, quod sui gratia in nostra quiete quiescit, confingentium fabulis perturbetur. Dominus ad Ecclesiæ firmitatem vobis multiplicet dies bonos, et super causa Dovoriæ quamcitius commode fieri poterit vobis illud inspiret quod approbat et acceptat. Script., etc.

Note by the Chapter, disappointed at the waste of so much good composition.

Hæc littera non emanavit, quia antequam fuerat concepta Dominus Prior scripsit Domino Archiepiscopo de pace Conventus et quiete; pro quo idem Dominus remisit eidem Domino Priori litteras regratiatorias secundum quod patet superius.

Another note in another hand, possibly the Prior's, autograph, showing that the above-printed letter was actually sent after all.

Hæc littera missa fuit Domino J. Archiepiscopo, et idem nobis rescripsit et Capitulo secundum quod patet in capite proximi folii ad hoc signum II.

28 Aug. 1335.

L. 108 *b*.

580.—De exultatione Domini J. Archiepiscopi de (II.)caritate et quiete ac regulari observantia in Conventu.

The Archbishop's reply to the combined assurance of the Prior

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. dilectis filiis Priori et Capitulo Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, salutem, cum benedictione dexteræ Salvatoris. Venerunt nobis in suavitatem odoris litteræ quas misistis, dum nobis, de solidæ

caritatis gratia, quietis dulcedine, et regularis observantiæ disciplina, quæ jam, sicut dictæ litteræ commemorant, inter vos claris relucent processibus, placida nuntiarunt. Nam, cum ad devotionem et dilectionem mutuam inter singulos nobis subditos conservendam votivis affectibus aspiremus, quanto magis in vestri, filiorum peculiarium sponsæ nostræ, quietis et amoris insigniis, et virtuosis vestris operibus, plenis nos convenit in Domino gaudiis exultare. In votis namque præcipue gerimus, et præ ceteris id optamus, ut sic in humilitate spiritus, ac mutuæ dilectionis exuberantia, circa virtutum exercitia divinaque servitia jugiter laboretis, quod pax quæ exsuperat omnem sensum, et quæ solis debetur hominibus bonæ voluntatis, inter vos continue vigeat, et felicis quietis vobis semper arrideat pulcritudo, per quod vestræ religionis puritas Altissimo sit accepta, et merito humanæ laudis præconiis attollenda. Sicque per evidentiam operum obstruere poteritis ora detrahentium æmulorum, et, ipso facto, patenter ostendere sinistra si qua de vobis in hac parte suggesta fuerint a fermento mendacii processisse. Hæc autem vobis scribimus ex affectu, quamobrem ea non leviter suscipiat, sed pro viribus servare studeat, vestra devotio per effectum, ut de vobis speratam dulcedinem degustantes, in vestris honoribus et sanctimonia dilectemur; securi quod in hiis potius credemus factis evidentibus quam narratis. Adhuc, vestris orationibus et piis operibus nostram imbecillitatem fiducialiter commendamus; intime vos rogantes quatinus erga Deum devotis orationum suffragiis nos juvetis, ut qui Beatum Petrum ambulantem in fluctibus ne mergeretur erexit, nobis, circa multiplicitatem agendorum velud in mari magno, ventis et procellis expositis, dexteram suæ potentiæ porrigat, et ad agendum salubriter suscepti regiminis debitum dirigat, in suo beneplacito, misericorditer actus nostros. In caritate perfecta vos confirmet Qui perfectus est, et etiam amor verus. Scriptum apud Eboracum xxviij. die Augusti.

and Chapter that peace prevailed in the Convent. The title *De exultatione* &c. indicates the tone in which the letter is composed. This is the letter marked II, alluded to in the second note appended to the preceding letter of the Chapter.

(Aug. 1335.)

L. 43 *a*.

581.—Littera directa Ricardo de Hattecombe super consilio habendo ad Curiam nostram tenendam in manerio nostro de Merstham.

A *writ of right* having been directed to the Bailiffs of Christ Church in their Court at Merstham, the suitors objected to the regularity of the process and the Court was adjourned, but the Prior, fearing to lose some of his jurisdiction, sends to one of his counsel asking him to be present on the day of adjournment.

Salutz, etc. Pur ceo qe ilyad un *bref de droit*, a la seute Johan de Passele, pendant en nostre Court de Merstham, sur quieu bref le proces est comence par agard des sutiers de la dite Court, le quiel proces fuist pur diverses resons chalenge a nostre Court, illoesqes tenue le Lundy proschein devant la Seint Laurentz, devant qe ceo qe deist estre fait par nous et noz baillifs, cest adire decomencier proces, puisqe le bref est direct as noz baillifs, la ont les ditz seutres attret as eux cel poynt, en prejudice de nous et emblemissement de nostre estat et de nostre franchise; sicome nous est fait entendant auxi bien par ceux de nostre conseil, com daltres qi se bien conissent en ley de terre, quieu chose nest mye a soeffrier. Par quey sur meisme tiel debat sont les parties ajournez, en lestat qils fuierent al primer jour, tantqe Lundy proschein apres la feste Seint Berthelmeu, a donqs a revenier et recevire ceo qe sur ceo serra agarde. Si vous prioms especialement qe, pur la sauvete et mayntenaunce de nostre estat et des droitures de nostre Esglise en ceo cas, vous soiez laa al dit jour, auxi bien en aide de nostre baillif illoesqes atenier nostre dite Court et du poynt avantdit mettre en certeyn, com pur le droit des parties pledauntz affaire. Kar nous esperoms par my vostre bone aide, sen, et avysement, lestat de nous et de nostre Esglise serra sauve ala journe, et ceo qest mespris en offence de nous serra redresse. Et vous avisez estreytement en le men temps sur le poynt avantdit, issint qe al jour vous soiez hors de doute. A Dieu, etc.

581.

Greeting. Whereas there is a *writ of right*, at the suit of John Passele, pending in our manor Court at Merstham, upon which writ the process is commenced by the award of the homage of the said Court, which process was for various causes challenged in our Court held there on the Monday next before the Feast of St. Lawrence, before that was done which ought to have been done by us and our Bailiffs, that is to say, the opening of the process (seeing that the writ is addressed to our Bailiffs) the suitors assumed to themselves this point, in prejudice of us and infringement of our position and our franchise, as is made apparent to us both by those of our counsel as well as others who are learned in the law of the land, and this is not to be patiently borne. Wherefore at this dispute the parties are adjourned, in the same position as they stood on the first day, to Monday after the Feast of St. Bartholomew, then to accept what in this matter shall be awarded. Hence we specially pray you that, for the safety and maintenance of our position and the rights of our Church in this case, you will be there on the said day, both to advise our Bailiffs as to the holding of our said Court, and to settle the aforesaid point with certainty, and also to do right to the parties pleading. For we hope that with your efficient aid, sense, and acuteness, our position and that of our Church shall be secured at this adjournment, and that which has been done in error, to our annoyance, shall be redressed. And instruct yourself precisely in the mean time upon the point aforesaid, so that on the day you may have no doubts.

(Aug. 1335.)

L. 43 *a*.

Dame Passele, suing as next friend for her infant son, has objected to the jurisdiction of the Manor Court of Mersham, to the Bailiffs of which her *Writ of right* was directed, pleading that the tenements in dispute were common law tenements and not in the jurisdiction of any manor. The Prior, fearing a diminution of his judicial powers, asks her not to remove the writ into the Court of King's Bench, but to let his Court try the action.

582. — LITTERA DIRECTA DOMINÆ MARGARETE DE PASSCHELE QUOD NON PERSEQUATUR BREVE PER IPSAM IMPETRATUM IN PRÆJUDICIUM ECCLESIÆ CANTUARIENSIS.

Saluz, etc. Treschere Dame, pur ceo qe nous vous avoms aide et favoure, tanqe nous savioms et poyeoms, en le plee qe fuist a Mersthani entre Jon de Passele et Robert vostre fitz; et nous avoms entenduz qe vous avez remue le proces du dit plee en la Court nostre Seignur le Roy, par suggestion qe vous avez fait a la Chauncellerie qe les tenementz sont a la commune ley, la ou les tenementz ne sont pas einz aunciene demene; la quele chose purra chere en prejudice de la franchise de nostre Esglise, issint qe nous purrioms perdire la conissaunce de tieux maneres des plees. Pur quey, chere Dame, vous prioms qe vous veullez aviser de ceste chose, issint qe le dit bref, qe vous avez purchasse en la dite chauncellerie, ne soit pas suy en prejudisse de nostre dite Esglise. Ceste nostre priere veullez faire Dame, issint qe nous et nostre dite Esglise vous seioms le plus tenuz apres; et vostre vollente de les choses susdites nous veullez maunder par le portour de cestes. Escript, etc.

(Aug. 1335.)

L. 43 *a*.

Two monks of Battle, leaving the road at Loose, a manor of Christ

583. — LITTERA MISSA ABBATI DE BELLO PRO MINIS FACTIS SERVIENTI NOSTRO DE LOSE.

Salutem cum sinceræ caritatis affectu. Domine reverende, nos intelleximus, relatione fidedigna, quod duo monachi de vestro monasterio, videlicet, Domini Johannes de Lose et Symon de Boclonde nuper cum suis transierunt per manerium nostrum de Lose juxta May-

582.

Greeting. Very dear Madame, seeing that we have helped and favoured you, as far as we knew, how and were able, in the suit which was begun at Merstham, between John de Passelc and your son Robert, and, as we have heard, you have removed the process of the said suit into the Court of our Lord the King (under pretext of a suggestion that you have made in the Chancery that the tenements are under the Common Law, whereas the tenements are not really in ancient demesne), which removal may fall out to the prejudice of the franchise of our Church, so that we may possibly lose the cognizance of suits of the kind. Therefore, Madame, we pray you that you will reconsider this matter, so that the writ which you have procured in the said Chancery may not be issued in prejudice of our said Church. Grant this our prayer, Madame, so that henceforth we and our Church may be the more bound to you, and be pleased to send word of your intentions in the aforesaid matters by the bearer of these.

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destane, ubi ipsi et sui, deserentes viam regiam, super nostram terram aliter quam debebant, arripuerunt viam a latere specialem; qua ratione quidam de nostris accescerunt ad dictos vestros monachos, ipsos ignorantes totaliter esse vestros, eis dicentes quod viam aliter quam juxta rationem licuit incedebant; et hoc audientes vestri monachi prædicti tradiderunt, ut refertur, ipsis nostris sicut prædicitur accedentibus, unum

Church, gallopped on the turf, were stopped by the Prior's servants, and paid a "modicum quid" for their trespass, which,

however, was restored to them when it was found that they belonged to Battle Abbey; nevertheless the Maidstone people threaten the Bailiff of the manor, and the Prior appeals to the Abbot of Battle for an abatement of the insults.

quid modicum pro eorum et suorum delicto, secundum quod exigebat juris regula seu consuetudo rationabiliter et laudabiliter usitata; et hoc quod erat sic acceptum cito postea eisdem, libere et sine quacumque exactione seu petitione, fuerat retraditum per nostrum præpositum nostri manerii memorati, cum præfatos monachos certitudinaliter noverat esse vestros. Sed consequenter, nobis, quod displicet, est relatum per nostrum præpositum supradictum quod idem præpositus noster per quosdam de Maydestane minas patitur, ac etiam perturbatur, quia per nostros ad monachos vestros accessus ut præscribitur erat factus. Hanc materiam præscriptam velitis sic considerare, et preces vestras, si placet, interponere, ut inter vos et nos ac etiam nostros sit pacis tranquillitas et quietis, in omnibus et singulis quæ nos concernunt in præsenti, seu contingere poterunt in futuro. Valeat amicus noster prædilectus in Christo. Beneplacitum super præmissis nobis remittere velitis per præsentium latorem. Script. etc.

(Aug. 1335.)
L. 43 *b*.

584 — Littera missa Domino Johanni Archiepiscopo ut audiamus bona nova de statu suo.

The Prior hopes to hear good news of the Archbishop's prosperity, but especially he makes another attempt to get the appointment of the Archbishop's *obedientiarii* in the Convent out of his

Quicquid obedientiæ poterit et honoris. Pater et Domine reverende, mei confratres et ego, vester in omnibus ad præcepta, in vestræ dilectionis et pacis, benedictus sit Deus, quietudine conviventes, et pro vobis et vestris ipsi Deo preces, ut tenemur, specialiter effundentes, de concernentibus statum vestrum, et ejusdem felici prosperitate, non modicum affectamus ascultare multipliciter bona nova. Et si vos hujusmodi desideria nostra velitis ponere ante oculos mentis vestræ, in brevi nos erimus, mediantibus vestris litteris paternis, effecti læti pariter et jocundi. Adhuc pater reverende, Frater Ricardus de Icham, Celerarius Ecclesiæ vestræ, vigoris seu potentiæ corporalis virtute quodamodo destitutus, michi conqueritur, cum angustia

sui spiritus vicibus iteratis, quod in suo officio tædium sustinet inimmensum, et idem Frater, prout michi videtur, non potest pro communi utilitate laborare, prout idem officium exigit et requirit; propter quod juxta conscienciam meam, consideratis omnibus in hac parte, expedit ut dictus Frater Ricardus ab onere sui officii absolvatur; pro cujus fratris absolutione facienda, ac etiam alio fratre in eodem officio prout moris est instituendo, michi dignemini committere vices vestras; et, ut michi videtur, est expediens quod in commissione vestra super hujusmodi destitutione et institutione, si vobis placuerit, inseratur, ut vestram habeam auctoritatem non tantum Celerarium vestrum, sed omnes et singulos vestros *obedientiarios,* si michi rationabiliter visum fuerit, amovere, et alios præficere in locis eorundem. Ita tamen quod consuetudo Ecclesiæ vestræ super istis nullatenus offendatur. Sed si placet in hujusmodi commissione, si quam michi mittere decreveritis, absolutio et destitutio vestri Supprioris vobis, ex causa, specialiter reserventur. Et advertere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod generalem commissionem appeto, ut est scripum; quia sic *obedientiarii* vestri, prout sum probabiliter informatus, delinquere in suis officiis intensius formidabunt, et ad proficiendum in eisdem officiis extendent diligentius vires suas, quamvis hujusmodi commissio penes me retenta dormiat, et in actum minime perducatur. Istud quod vobis notifico per hæc scripta poteritis, cum vobis vacaverit, meditari. Aliud est pro quo vestræ reverendæ paternitati, si vos non tædeat, fundo preces. Ecclesia vestra Cantuariensis, de tempore immediati prædecessoris mei (cujus animæ propitius esse dignetur Ille cui est proprium misereri) onerata est per liberationes et pensiones, litteris regiis et precibus mediantibus, quibus efficaciter idem prædecessor meus resistere commode non valebat; a quibus liberationibus et pensionibus post mortem illorum qui nunc illas habent,

hands. The Cellarer is too feeble for his place—with the Archbishop's leave the Prior will remove him and appoint another—and in the commission it will be convenient if the Archbishop insert a general power of doing such acts, to be used by the Prior when necessary. Also the Convent is saddled with many pensioners received on the King's recommendation, and unless the Archbishop intervene it is likely that as these pensioners die the King will try to appoint others as though such appointments were conferred of

right and not of grace.

juxta vestræ discretionis industriam, per litteras regias de novo impetrandas Ecclesia vestra prædicta exonerata, per vos erit, ut credo, libera, modo ancilla. Super hac materia præscripta vobis scribit, ad meam instantiam, Dominus J. de Hamptone vester Senescallus, quem, pro vestræ personæ contemplatione, in hiis quæ me concernunt et vestrum Capitulum, sui gratia, meum specialem invenio coadjutorem. Nomina vero recipientium liberationes et pensiones, de quibus superius præ-

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13 Aug. 1335.

L. 109 *a*.

The agent of the Convent in London informs the Chapter of the terms upon which he can dispose of the small change (in coins of all nations) received in oblations.

585.—Littera consulatoria Thomæ le May de denariis nobis mittendis pro fretina.[1]

A son treshonurable Seignur, si luy plest, honurs et reverences. Endroit de vostre lettre qe vous me mandastes par Dantz Robert, pur soixante livres de fretine, qe vous le voudrez chaunger pur deniers; jeo vous fas assavoir, qe si largent soit fyn la livre vaut vint et un soudz; sil soit altre si bon come moneye ele ne vaut qe dix neuf soudz et six deniers; sil soit pyr qe moneye il ne vaut qe dix huit soudz. Sachez qe la chose porte vewe, si vous voillez qil soit chaunge maunde le moy a Loundres entre si et Venderdy, kar jeo ne demorey en vile pur nul altre chose. Sachez qe jeo frey ameuz qe jeo purrey pur vostre profist. A Dieu, etc. Escript a Loundres le Dymenge devaunt la Assumpcion Nostre Dame.

(Oct. 1335.)

L. 107 *b*.

J. de Stonore, counsel of

586.—Littera Domini Johannis de Stonore[2] continens quod Johannes de Hildesle est utilis ad tenendum locum Senescalli nostri.

Honurs et toutes reverences. Trescher Sire, endroit de ceo qe vous me parlastes entre altres busoignes, et

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[1] *Fretina* = petite monnaie d' argent.

[2] Stonor was C.B. of the Exchequer from 1329 to 1341.

nominatur, vobis, pro vestra informatione plenius optinenda, mitto in quadam cedula præsentibus interclusa. Hæc vobis, quæ contingunt, mei cordis secreta vel intima manifesto, ne, temporibus succedentibus, meum silentium super præmissis per vos vel alios quoscunque aliqualiter reprobetur. In omni tranquillitatis gaudio vigeat vestra salus. Beneplacitum vestrum super hiis dignemini remittere michi vestro. Script., etc.

585.

To his most honourable Lord, if he may say so, honours and all manner of salutations. As to your letter that you sent by Dom. Robert, concerning sixty pounds weight of odd coins, that you would like to be changed for current money; I inform you, that if the metal be pure the pound is worth twenty-one shillings, if otherwise it be only of standard quality it is only worth nineteen shillings and sixpence, if it be of lower quality than standard it is only worth eighteen shillings. Understand that the matter (is pressing?), and if you wish that it shall be changed send it to me at London between now and Friday, for I shall remain in town only on account of this. Be sure that I will act for the best in your interest. Written at London, on Sunday before the Assumption of Our Lady.

586.

Honours and salutations. Very dear Sir, as to what you debated with me about, along with other matters,

the Convent, reports that, as requested by the Prior, he has found a fit person to fill the office of steward of the manors of Christ Church.

empriant me chargeastes qe jeo vous purveouse dun homme de cui jeo me affiasse, et qi serroit pur vous atenier leu de Seneschal, et jeo vous promys, Sire, qe jeo me peneroie del faire; Sire, par lavisement James Frysel et moy, ay parle ove Johan de Hildesle, pur qi jeo ose emprendre qil fra bien et lealment, a honur de vous et al profist de vostre Esglise; et coment Sire qil se sente charge daler vers celes parties, come James Frysel vous savara plus pleynement dire a ma requeste, il lemprendra sowe merci. Et, trescher Sire, endroit de ceo qil prendra, James Frysel serra a vous par temps, si Dieu plest, et a sa venue veullez ordiner entre vous et luy ceo qil vous semble qe soit a honur de vous, et il se agreera bonement. A Dieu, trescher Sire, qi vous gard et vous donit bone vie et longe par sa merci.

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26 Oct. 1335.

L. 107 *b*.

587.—De J. de Hildesle recepto ad tenendum locum Senescalli nostri.

Memorandum of the appointment and the fees of the person appointed to be Steward of the Manors of Christ Church on the recommendation of J. de Stonore.

Memorandum quod xxvj^{to} die Octobris anno Domini M^{o}CCCXXXV^{to} Johannes de Hildesle receptus fuit ad tenendum locum Senescalli nostri, et fuit hujusmodi receptio facta die et anno supradictis ad nostrum scaccarium, de consensu Prioris, Supprioris, et aliorum fratrum, videlicet, Hugonis de Sancta Margareta Edmundi de Adesham pœnitentiariorum, Thomæ de Bourne, et aliorum. Et habebit dictus Johannes pro solidatis suis per annum x. marcas, et erit cum suo clerico, ita quod in toto pro se et clerico suo et harnasio habebit iij. equos; per annum ij. robas pro se, unam vero de gratia; et cum fuerit infra Monasterium ferratura de thesauraria; alia vero recipiet juxta suam discretionem, prout a nobis exigere voluerit. Ita tamen quod non

and entreating me charged me that I should provide you with a person in whom I might trust and who would take the place of your Seneschal, and I promised you Sir, that I would be at pains to do so; Sir, on the opinion of James Frysel, and on my own, I have spoken with John de Hildersle, for whom I dare to pledge myself that he will act well and loyally to your honour and to the profit of your Church; and as Sir he feels himself bound to journey to those parts, as James Frysel will be able at my request to tell you more plainly, he will undertake it with thanks (?). And very dear Sir, as to his remuneration, James Frysel will be with you betimes, and, if God will, at his coming please to settle between you and him what is likely to do you credit, and he will heartily accept it. God be with you, very dear Sir, and keep you and grant you by his mercy a good and a long life.

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amplius exiget quam, temporibus retroactis, a nostris Senescallis qui milites non erant fuerat acceptum, ac etiam approbatum. Et memorandum quod forma commissionis dicti Johannis est supra in folio xxxiij[to] sub data Cantuariæ xxiiij[to] die mensis Octobris anno Domini M[o]CCCXXXV[to], valitura quousque duxerimus eam revocare.

588.—LITTERA CONSULTATORIA. (1335.)

L. 180 *b.*

A rector wishes to speak to the Archbishop about a licence of non-residence, and the Prior

Reverentiam et honorem. Pater et domine reverende, dilectus nobis in Christo Dominus J. de B., rector ecclesiæ de C., vestræ diœcesis, vobis, ut nobis dixit, habet aliqua communicare sua viva voce super sua non residentia facienda in ecclesia sua supradicta, et, cum illum in hac parte audierit vestra reverenda paternitas sibi graciosus esse velitis et favorabilis; ita

gives him this introduction. tamen quod juris æquitas seu justitiæ nullatenus offendatur. Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda in

(1335.) L. 108 *b*.

589.—LITTERA DE ATTORNATU AD INTERESSENDUM ELECTIONI BALLIVI DE ROMENAL.

The Chapter appoint a person to represent them at the election of a bailiff of Romney Marsh, where they have lands.

As toutz yceux qi cestes lettres orront on verront, Richard par la soeffraunce Dieu Priour, etc. salutz en Dieu. Sacez nous avoir ordine et assigne nostre bien amez R. de H., sergeant de nostre manoir de Aghene, destre, en nostre nom, a la eslection faire du Bailliff de Maroys de Romenal ; aiantz ferm et estable ceo qil ferra en la avantdite eslection. En tesmoignaunce, etc. Escript a Cauntorbris le xxme jour de Octobre lan, etc.

25 Nov. 1335. L. 180 *b*.

590.—COMMISSIO AD CUSTODIENDUM BOSCOS NOSTROS IN WALDA PERTINENTES AD MANERIUM NOSTRUM DE ESTRYA.

A woodreeve is appointed to protect the timber of the Chapter growing in the woods of the Weald of Kent.

A toutz yceux as quieux cestes lettres vendront, Richard par la soeffraunce, etc. salutz in Dieu. Pur ceo qe damage nous est avenuz avant ces houres trop sovent en noz boys de Rolvyndenne, Walkherst, Cranebrok, Tenterdenne, et Benyndenne, par defaute de bone garde illeosqes faite, nous veulleantz tiel damage eschure,[1] sachez qe nous avoms ordinez et establiz nostre bien amez Johan de Maplesdenne gardien de noz boys avantditz; donantz a luy plener poair a destreyndre et de gagier toutz yceux qil trovera fesantz damage en noz ditz boys, et affaire et user, en noun de nous, tout ceo qe a la bone et sauve garde des boys avantditz appartient, ou devroit, et descoustume purra, apparteyner ; maundantz as toutz noz ministres et subjetz, qe a ceste chose faire et ac-

[1] *esclure?*

Christo, qui vestras dies multiplicet cum salute. Scriptum Cantuariæ, &c.

589.

To all who shall see or hear these letters, Richard by God's permission Prior &c. greeting in the Lord. Know ye that we have appointed and assigned our dearly beloved R. de H., Serjeant of our manor of Aghene, to be present in our name, at the election of a Bailiff for Romney Marsh; holding as firm and stable all which he may do in the matter of the above mentioned election. Written, &c.

590.

To all those to whom these letters shall come, Richard &c. greeting in the Lord. Whereas damage has hitherto too often occurred to us in our words at Rolvenden, Walkherst, Cranbrook, Tenterden, and Benenden, for want of a good watch there, know ye that we have appointed and established our well beloved John de Maplesden, keeper of our said woods; giving to him full authority to distrain and to hold to bail all those whom he shall find committing damage in our said woods; and to do and to perform in our name, all such acts as pertain to the effectual and safe protection of the said woods, or as should or by custom may so pertain; commanding all our officers and subjects that they shall aid and obey the said John to do and accomplish this whenever need shall arise, as long as he may remain in the said office. In witness whereof, &c.

complier soient al dit Johan aidantz et entendantz, toute la foith qe mester serra, pur tout le temps qil demorra en cel office. En tesmoignaunce, etc. Donez a Cauntorbirs le xxv^e^ jour de Novembre lan de grace MCCCXXXV.

Memorandum quod Willelmus Goldyng habuit commissionem proximam præscriptam sub dato Cantuariæ xxvj^to^ die Septembris anno Domini MCCCXL^mo^.

Memorandum quod W. de Maplesdenne habuit commissionem prædictam sub dato Cantuariæ xij^o^ die mensis Februarii anno Domini MCCCXLIX^no^.

591.—[ROTULUS JOHANNIS HOTHAM NUPER ELIENSIS EPISCOPI.]

Jan. 1336. Cart. Ant. E. 191.

The mortuary roll sent round to the religious houses of the Eastern Counties after the death of Bishop Hotham of Ely.

Universis summæ trinitatis ac religionis catholicæ cultoribus, Johannes Prior Ecclesiæ Cathedralis Eliensis et totius ejusdem loci humilis Conventus, salutem, et post ærumpnas præsentis vitæ ad futuram immortalitatis gloriam felici cursu transmeare. Humanæ societatis et unitatis catholicæ fœdus exposcit, et innatæ virtutis mentisque bene dispositæ clarum est indicium, gratum et meritorium ante conspectum divinæ majestatis, lamentabilis casus anxietate et acerbi subitique mœroris pondere quassatis manus porrigere subsidii spiritualis, et levamen adhibere piæ consolacionis; nam qui ad misericordiam prona mente flectitur in beatorum sorte computatur. Decessum igitur eximii patris pastoris et pontifici nostri, Domini Johannis de Hothom, qui nuper ab hac valle peregrina, deposito carnis onere, ad beatam patriam, inter apostolicos sacerdotes aggregatus, transmigravit, ut speramus, plangimus planctu magno nos filii; desolati filii inquam mœstissimi patrem piisimum; oves pastorem optimum; monachi Abbatem dignissimum; clerici præsulem serenissimum;

plebs prælatum; et navicula Petri gubernatorem prudentissimum; filii denique patrem qui nos fovit et aluit, quemadmodum gallina congregat pullos suos sub alas. Grex pusillus pastorem plangimus, qui nos de ore leonis et a luporum rapacitate liberavit. Plangimus eum quasi unigenitum, et vox turturis viduatæ audita est in terra nostra. Vox inquam Rama audita est ploratus et ululatus Rachel nostra, plorans non filios set sponsum, non parvulos set patrem parvulorum, tutorem orphanorum, pauperum recreatorem, afflictorum consolatorem, miserorem refugium, protectorem viduarum, Ecclesiam Dei impugnancium expugnatorem validum, impiorum persecutorem, patriæ defensorem, qui superborum et sublimium colla potente virtute calcavit, et omnibus ad se clamantibus affuit prompto juvamine in tempore tribulacionis. Talis erat dilectus tuus O Rachel nostra pulcherrima mulierum; confortate filii manus matris nostræ dissolutas, quæ delicium [1] suum desiderabile osculorum suorum jam ablatum, quod dum tenuit et osculabatur nemo despexit eam, pro eo quod jam abiit et recessit, et ultra jam non comparet, plangit et plorat, et non est qui consoletur eam ex omnibus caris ejus. Plangimus ecce nos filii Israel patriarcham nostrum; alterum Jacob qui die noctuque gelu urebat et æstu, pro amoris magnitudine serviens pro Rachele. Hic velut alter Moyses dux populi nos a servitute gravi liberavit. Hic alter Aaron, vir eloquens, sacerdos magnus erat, qui in diebus suis placuit Deo et inventus est justus. Hic alter Mathathias legis Dei zelator strenuus. Alter Machabeus patriæ protector fortis viribus a juventute sua. Hic Jonathas amabilis, et Symon vir consilii, ac David manu fortis, potens in opere, et sermone fidelis, in omni regno in omnibus

[1] *dilicium*, MS.

prudenter agens, ingrediens, et egrediens, et progrediens, ad imperium regis domini sui terreni, cui, licet in quibusdam officiis auleis et negotiis fiscalibus, ac postmodum in dignitate cancellariatus et thesaurariatus strenue militasset, tota tamen animi intencione in Deum ferebatur, et, in quantum moles carnea permisit, omnes actus suos pro utilitate reipublicæ et ecclesiæ suæ, ad honorem Creatoris sui, dirigerat. Hic talis et . . .[1] plangitur quia similis ei superstes vir reperitur. Hunc denique de medio sublatum merito plangimus, quia dum ipsius mores, vitam, actus, sobrietatem, et virtutum multitudinem quasi in quodam vasculo gracioso aggregatam, ab ætate sua tenera usque in diem quo migravit a corpore, ad memoriam revocamus, a fletibus suspiriis et gemitibus abstinere nequimus. Erat namque honestis parentibus procreatus; in domibus regum et procerum educatus; morum generositate et magnorum operum aggressione nobilitatus; studiis liberalibus, et philosophicis disciplinis, ac utriusque juris præceptis imbutus; voluminеque legis divinæ cibatum implevit eum Dominus spiritu sapienciæ et intellectus. In annis quippe adolescenciæ cœpit Deo devotus existere, honeste vivere, alterum non lædere, coetaneos et sodales suos in Christi dulcedine diligens, ut decebat; superioribus suis promptum famulatum, paribus bonitatis incentivum, minoribus pium subsidium, et omnibus impendebat seipsum speculum et exemplar virtutum; et propterea magnificavit eum Dominus in conspectu regum et regni magnatum, diffuditque gratiam in labris suis; et propter veritatem et mansuetudinem et justiciam deduxit eum mirabiliter dextera Dei, et gradientem de virtute in virtutem, prærogativa meritorum in Ecclesia sua merito prorogavit. Cui fama bonitatis scienciæ et pietatis, sicut odor agri cui benedixit Dominus, ita per regni

[1] A short word at the end of a line is here obliterated, but this word could not be the *non* which the sense seems to require.

climata redolevit, quem exaltavit Dominus electum de plebe sua, et statuit illi sacerdocium magnum, collocans eum cum principibus populi sui; et a filiis Israel, velud alter Samuel, in principem et præsulem, non assumens sibi honorem sed, Domino vocante, canonice et concorditer sublimatus est in nostra Elyensi Ecclesia, post obitum felicis recordacionis Domini Johannis de Ketene Episcopi ejusdem loci. Adepta siquidem tantæ dignitatis apice, Deo devocior cœpit existere, mutatus in alium virum elemosinis, jejuniis, vigiliis sacris, et orationibus sedulo insistens, non obstante quavis occupacione mundana, psalterium Daviticum cotidie ex integro Regi regum decantavit. Justicia judicio misericordia et veritate semper gaudebat sobrie et juste, et præmuniendo pius, prudens, humilis, pudicus, sobrius, castus fuit et quietus, vita dum præsens vegetavit ejus corporis artus. Erat quoque vir tocius prudenciæ, in sermone verax, in judicio justus, in consilio providus, in commissis fidelis, in rebus bellicis strenuus, in probitate conspicuus, in omni morum venustate præclarus; et erat ei species digna imperio. Erat utique in Ecclesia angelicus; in aula splendidus; in mensa dapsilis; in capitulo severus, arguens, increpans, et obsecrans subditos in omni paciencia et doctrina; majoribus devotus; minoribus blandus; omnibus affabilis et benignus; in spiritualibus et temporalibus valde circumspectus. Et enucleacius bonitatis suæ præeminencia elucescat potificali decoratus infula; omnibus se amabilem exhibuit, omnibus omnia faciens ut omnes lucrifaceret in Christo Jhesu, complens illud Ecclesiastici:[1] *principem te constituerunt noli extolli, sed esto in illis quasi unus ex illis.* Quum quædam prælibavimus quæ venerabilem patronum nostrum memoratum titulis præconiorum extollunt et resonant laudes tanti viri; nunc autem excitat nos dilectio spiritalis, ad vos

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[1] The actual text of the Vulgate is: *Rectorem te posuerunt? Noli extolli sed esto in illis quasi unus ex ipsis.* Ecclus. 32. 1.

O filii Syon stilum supplicacionis convertendo, universitatem vestram devote deprecari, ut animam dicti Johannis, qui biennali languore corporis correptus (ut si quæ ei maculæ de terrenis contagiis adhæserunt tam diutina virga clementis Dei castigentur) in senectute bona, sicut verus catholicus ab hac instabili luce ad lucidas et quietas transivit mansiones, ut credimus, quinto-decimo die mensis Januarii[1] anno graciæ millesimo CCC^{mo}XXXVJ^{to}, in communibus beneficiis vestris recipiatis. Et aliquid specialis remedii quod decreverit dileccionis vestræ benignitas superaddatis; cum sancta et salubris sit cogitacio pro defunctis exorare ut a peccatis solvantur. Nescit enim homo utrum odio vel amore dignus sit, seu opera illius sint accepta coram Deo; nec ullus adeo perfecte stat in bono dum nexibus carneis detinetur quin aliquando labatur; nam sepcies in die cadit justus, et nemo mundus a sorde, nec infans quidem unius diei. Et ob hoc, ineffabilis Dei miseracio humanæ fragilitati pie præordinavit, ut qui sibi non sufficit pro suis reatibus satisfacere, de suffragiis alienis reconciliacionis remedium misericorditer consequatur; unde iterato, vestris pedibus pietatis intuitu provoluti, crebris gemitibus, preces precibus humiliter accumulamus, quatinus beneficiorum remedia, quæ unicuique vestrum spiritus caritatis inspiraverit, eidem Johanni velitis impartiri. Et quæ vel quanta fuerint devocionis vestræ munera, cum titulis vestris, in scripto redigi devotissime supplicamus. Quotquot siquidem alicujus beneficenciæ ei gratiam erogaverint, specialem fraternitatis nostræ, et omnium beneficiorum in Ecclesia nostra de cetero agendorum, participes constituimus et consortes, et idem ab eis recipere zelo caritatis nobis concedi ardenter postulamus, ut alter alterius

[1] In the margin *vij° die mensis Junii* is written in a rather more modern hand. For *Junii* substitute *Januarii*, and then this note will probably give the real date of the Bishop's death. *See* Le Neve's notice.

onera portantes, legem Christi adimpleamus. Creator omnium rerum faciat vos seipsum revelata facie contemplari. Anima Domini Johannis de Hothom quondam Episcopi Elyensis et animæ omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen. Nostri defuncti sint vobis in prece juncti.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ et Sancti Benedicti Rameseiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis Episcopi Elyensis et animæ omnium fidelium defunctorum, per misericordiam Dei, requiescant in pace. Amen. Oramus pro vestris, orate pro nostris.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Apostolorum Petri et Pauli de Burgo.

Anima Domini Johannis Episcopi Elyensis et animæ, etc. in pace requiescant. Amen. Oramus pro, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Sanctique Botulphi Thorneyæ.

Anima Domini Johannis Episcopi Elyensis, etc. requiescant. Oramus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ, Sancti Bartholomei, et Sancti Guthlaci Croylandiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis Elyensis Episcopi, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, pro nostris vestra rogamus.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ et Sancti Nicholai de Spalding.

Anima Dompni Johannis, etc. requiescant. Oramus pro vestris, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ de Swynes(heved).

Anima Dompni Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Fratrum Ordinis Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli de Sancto Botulpho.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et Sancti Edmundi Regis et Martiris.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant in pace. Oramus pro vestris, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beati Georgii Martiris monialium de The(t)ford.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. in pace. Oramus pro vestris, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Swafham monachorum.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. in pace. Oramus pro vestris, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Angliseye.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Nostri defuncti sint vobis in prece juncti.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Canonicorum Sancti Egidii de Bernewell.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Nostri defuncti sint, etc.

✠Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ de Burnham juxta Windesore.

✠Titulus Ecclesiæ Fratrum Minorum Cantebrigiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Fratrum Heremitarum Ordinis Sancti Augustini Cantebriggiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant.

✠Titulus Ecclesiæ Fratrum Ordinis Beatæ Mariæ de Monte Carmeli de Cantebriggiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ et Sancti Jacobi Apostoli de Waleden.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Nostri defuncti sint, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beati Johannis Baptistæ de Stow.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. in pace. Nostri defuncti sint, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Fratrum Heremitarum Ordinis Sancti Augustini Claræ.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Ixeworth.

Anima Dompni Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Fratrum Ordinis Prædicatorum The(t)fordiæ.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sancti Sepulcri de The(t)ford.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ Monachorum de Thefford.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant. Vestris nostra damus, etc.

Titulus Ecclesiæ Beatæ Mariæ de Westderham.

Anima Domini Johannis, etc. requiescant.[1]

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[1] These *tituli*, each by a different hand, some elaborately engrossed and others scribbled carelessly, were written, as is requested in the text of the roll, upon the blank spaces of the vellum (both on the face below the text, and on the back) before the *Brevigerulus* left the several monasteries at which he announced the Bishop's death.

16 April 1336. Cart. Art. C. 88.

592.—LITTERÆ REGIS, IN QUIBUS CONCEDIT QUOD PRIOR ET CONVENTUS NON TENEANTUR ALICUI CONCEDERE PENSIONES SEU CORRODIA.

King Edward the Third renounces all right to quarter his nominees upon the Convent of Christ Church by compelling the monks to confer corrodies or pensions upon them.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, etc. salutem. Sciatis quod nos, ob specialem devocionem quam ad gloriosum Christi Martirem Sanctum Thomam, cujus corpus in Ecclesia Christi Cantuariensi est translatum, necnon ob dilectionem sinceram quam ad personam venerabilis patris Johannis Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, suis meritis exigentibus, optinemus, volentes Ecclesiam ipsius Archiepiscopi prædictam ac Priorem et Conventum ibidem gratioso favore prosequi, et indempnitati eorundem providere, concessimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quod concessiones per præfatos Priorem et Conventum loci prædicti, seu eorum præ-

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April 1336. L. 65 *a*.

593.—LITTERA MISSA PETRO LE HAYWARD ET THOMÆ DE SANCTO NICHOLAO PRO WARDA MARIS IN INSULA DE TANETO.

The Prior protests to the Commissioners of the Coast Guard that the Monastery has never been compelled to keep watch by sea (in the persons of its tenants).

Salutz et cheres amystes. Chers amys, mout vous mercioms de ceo qe vous parlastis a nous nadgaires en amyable manere, de choses qi touchent la garde de la meer en vos partyes; et voyeles saver, qe puys vostre departir nous avoms parle et trete ove nos freres de la garde avantdite, les queux ount veu lanciene manere de nostre Eglise. Et nous diont seurement, qil ount veu sovent garde de meer en la Iele de Tanet, mays unqe ne veu qe le Priour et le Covent troveient yleoques forsqe un home darmes a chyval, et ceo fut de lour bone veue, purceo qe nous tenoms nos terres en pure et perpetuele amoyne. Par quey vous prioms cherement, qe vous plese accepter lanciene

decessores, aliquibus, de pensionibus corrodiis aut sustentacionibus de domo prædicta quoquo modo percipiendis, ad rogatus progenitorum nostrorum seu nostros factæ, non trahantur in consuetudinem seu consequenciam, nec eorundem Prioris et Conventus, aut successorum suorum, seu domus suæ prædictæ cedant in præjudicium aliqualiter in futurum; nec quod ipsi Prior et Conventus, aut successores sui, ad hujusmodi pensiones, corrodia, seu sustentaciones, de domo sua prædicta percipienda, aliquibus ad rogatus nostros vel heredum nostrorum, contra voluntatem suam concedenda seu invenienda, de cetero compellantur nec teneantur; salvo semper juro nostro, si quod nobis competat in hac parte. In cujus rei, etc. Teste meipso apud Turrim Londoniensem, sextodecimo die Aprilis, anno regni nostri decimo.

593.

Greeting and sincere friendship. Dear Friends, we thank you exceedingly for what you lately told us, in so gentle a way, concerning the matters which relate to the watch-by-sea in your district; and be pleased to learn that, since your departure, we have spoken and discussed the subject of the aforesaid watch with such of our brethren as have had experience of the ancient custom of our Church. And they tell us confidently, that they have often seen watch-by-sea performed in the Isle of Thanet, but they never saw the Prior and Convent provide there more than one mounted man-at-arms, and this much was only out of good will, inasmuch as that we hold our lands in pure and perpetual alms. Where-

usage de nostre Eglise avantdite, la quele nous serroms prest, al ayde Dyeux, a parfumer. A Dyew qi vous gard, etc.

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19 May (Whitsunday) 1336. L. 65 *a*.

594.—De capa missa Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensi per Dominum Episcopum Exoniensem, consecratum Curia Romana, pro professione sua.

Bishop Grandison of Exeter (consecrated in the Curia) sends to Christ Church the "decent cope," which every suffragan bishop is bound to offer when he makes his profes-

Venerabili in Christo patri Domino Johanni Dei gratia Exoniensi Episcopo Ricardus permissione ejusdem Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis salutem quam peperit virgo mater. Litteras vestræ reverendæ paternitatis recepimus die festi Pentecostes, per manus Domini Thomæ de Doultecote clerici vestri, et Willelmi de Breybroke, quibus perlectis, eodem die, coram nobis et aliis nostris confratribus, in nostro Capitulo, ac etiam intellectis, nos consequenter coram eisdem confratribus, unam capam pretiosam candidi coloris, quam nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ, sub certa forma contenta in vestris litteris, per dictos Dominum Thomam et Willelmum transmittere, vestri gratia, voluistis,

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(16 June 1336.) L. 184 *a*.

595.—De una ymagine oblata ad feretrum Beati Thomæ Martiris.

The Prior thanks the Countess of Valois for a silver votive image, which, after exhibition in

A treschere dame, Dame Mahout, Countesse de Valoys,[1] Richard, etc. salutz, etc. Voillez savoir chere Dame qe le xiij^e jour de Juyn proschein passe receumes voz lettres a Cauntorburs, par les mayns Piere messagier et Gylot son compeignon, les queux lettres nous avoms bien entenduz; et bien tost apres voz dit vadletz offrirent, pur vostre file qi Dieux assoille, al fiertre

[1] Mahout, daughter of the Count of St. Pol and stepmother of Philip VI. It does not appear who are meant by the deceased daughter and son of the Countess.

fore we earnestly pray you that you will be pleased to adopt the aforesaid ancient custom of our Church, which, with God's help, we shall be ready to carry out.

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fecimus demonstrari; una cum monili argenteo et amallato, Annuntiationem Dominicam figuraliter continente. Et advertere velitis, quod pro hujusmodi ornamentis in ecclesia Cantuariensi erit vestra memoria, ad laudem vestram pariter et honorem, recentior temporibus diutinis. Valeat reverentia vestra et sinceritas caritatis in Christo, per quem nos, de consensu fratrum nostrorum, vobis referimus grates multas [quod] nostræ recreationis solatium et eorundem per scripta, manu vestra propria formata, multipliciter amplificastis. Datum Cantuariæ die festi supradicti, anno Domini MCCC. tricesimo vj^to^.

sion of obedience to the Church of Canterbury.

Littera Domini Episcopi Exoniensis quæ est in desca Cameræ plumbatæ videlicet in pixide ubi sunt testamenta Dominorum W. et S. [Archiepiscoporum] et prædicta littera scripta est manu ejusdem Episcopi.

595.

To his very dear Lady the Lady Margaret, Countess of Valois, Richard, &c., greeting, &c. Be pleased to know, dear Lady, at on the 13th day of June last past, we received your letters at Canterbury, by the hands of Pierre, your messenger, and Gylot his companion, which letters we have thoroughly comprehended; and immediately afterwards your said servants offered, in the name of your daughter,

the Chapter, he has affixed to the Shrine of St. Thomas.

Seint Thomas une ymage dargent ove le pee, solonc la volente qest contenu en voz dites lettres; la quele ymage nous moustrames as noz fraires en nostre chapitle le xiij[e] jour de Juyn avantdit; et pur vous et les voz especialment avioms prie, et sumes en volente de cele devotion continuer. Et nous avoms mys la dite ymage devant le fiertre Seint Thomas, pres de une altre ymage dargent, qi nadgaires fuist offerte par vostre cher fitz qe Dieux assoille. A Dieu, etc. Escript, etc.

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10 July 1336.
L. 184 *a*.

596.—De Roba concessa Thomæ atte Hulle ad terminum vitæ.

A suit of esquire's livery granted for life to an adviser of the Convent.

Universis, etc. Ricardus, etc. Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem, etc. Probitatis et prudentiæ dilecti nobis in Christo Thomæ atte Hulle de Icham merita recolentes, [et] sperantes ejus consilium et auxilium nobis futuris temporibus fore non mediocriter

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(1336.)
L. 184 *a*.
Formula.

597.—[Littera invitatoria.]

A legal adviser is asked to come to Canterbury to have a personal interview with the Prior.

Salutz. Pur ceoqe nous avoms grantz diverses busoignes a tretier et a terminer, qi touchent nous et lestat de nostre Esglise, les queux ne poont estre tretee ne terminez sanz vous, et sumes au point destre grantement endommagez; vous prioms cherement, sicome voillez nostre profist et vostre honur sauver, qe, vewe ceste lettre, soiez a nous a tieu jour; issint qe nous ne soioms surpris par defaute de aide, sicome nous fyoms pleynement en vostre aide et conseil. Et voillez savoir qe les dites busoignes ne purrent estre respitez outre tieu jour. A Dieu, etc.

whom God assoil, at the Shrine of St. Thomas, a silver image with a base, in accordance with the wish expressed in your said letters; which image we exhibited to our brethren in our Chapter House the 13th day of June aforesaid; and we have especially prayed for you and yours; and propose to continue our devotion in this particular. And we have placed the said image in front of the Shrine of St. Thomas, close to another silver image which was formerly offered by your dear son, whom God assoil. Adieu, &c.

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opportuna; dedimus et concessimus, de nostra gratia speciali, eidem Thomæ, pro fideli et diligenti consilio suo et auxilio nobis exhibitis et exhibendis, unam robam cum furura ad supertunicam de secta armigerorum nostrorum, ad terminum vitæ suæ annuatim percipiendam. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro x^mo^ die mensis Julii anno Domini M°CCC°XXXVJ^to^.

597.

Greeting. Whereas we have in hand important and various affairs to discuss and despatch, which concern us and the dignity of our Church, and which cannot be brought to an end without you; and as we are in peril of being greatly injured, we earnestly pray you, as you desire to preserve our property and your own honour, that, on sight of these letters, you will be with us on (such and such) a day, so that we may not be taken unawares for lack of support; so much do we trust in your help and advice. And please to observe that these said matters cannot be postponed beyond the appointed day. Adieu, &c.

(1336.)
L. 184 *b*.
Formula.
The Prior, pleading the necessity for his presence at home on a festival, excuses himself for declining an invitation to the funeral of some person of distinction.

598.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA DE NON VENIENDO AD SEPULTURAM.

Salutz, etc. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entendu par voz lettres, les queux nous receumes nadgaires a Cantorbirs par vostre vadlet, qe nostre bien amez en Dieu N. de S. vostre Seignur est a Dieu commaunde, qe Dieux assoille, et serra enterre[1] a tiel lieu lendemeyn des Almes proschein suyant, et vous nous avez prie qe nous voussisoms estre al dit enterrement, pur faire honur a vous et a vostre dit Seignur; voillez savier, qe par ceste sollempne feste de Toutz Seintz, et nomeement par altres diverses impedimentz et busoignes, qi touchent nous et nostre Esglise, nous ne pooms de nostre dite Esglise a ceste foith absentier. Et pur ceo nous voillez, endroit de vostre requeste, avier excusez pur les impediments avantditz. Adieu, etc.

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16 July (1336.)
L. 65 *b*.
The Prior (who does not possess the power of appointing or depriving the Cellarer of the Convent) informs the Archbishop that the actual Cellarer is incompe-

599.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO QUOD CELERARIUS NON POTEST MINISTRARE IN OFFICIO SUO SICUT IDEM OFFICIUM EXIGIT ET REQUIRIT.

Quicquid obedientiæ, reverentiæ poterit, et honoris. Pater et Domine reverende, memoriter retinetis qualiter alias vobis scripsi, quod Frater Ricardus de Icham, vester Celerarius, impotens est ad ministrandum in officio suo, prout idem officium exigit et requirit; qua ratione præfatus Celerarius, de consensu meo, et consilio vestri Supprioris, ac aliorum fratrum seniorum, nunc in dicto officio nullatenus administrat; et non mirum ut videtur nobis, quia sui vigoris seu potentiæ corporalis virtute est multipliciter destitutus, in tantum

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[1] *en terre*, MS.

598.

Greeting, &c. Whereas we have understood by your letters, which we lately received at Canterbury by the hands of your servant, that our well beloved in God N. de S. your Lord (whom God assoil), is called to God and that he is to be buried in such and such a place, on the morrow of All Souls next coming, and you have prayed us that we would be pleased to be present at the said burial, so as to pay respect to you and your said Lord; be pleased to learn, that we cannot just now absent ourselves from our Church, on account of this present solemn feast of All Saints, and especially on account of various other hindrances and affairs which affect us and our said Church. And therefore in the matter of your request, in consideration of the aforesaid hindrances, be pleased to hold us excused. Adieu, &c.

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quod in hujusmodi officio ad honorem et utilitatem Ecclesiæ vestræ non potest, quod nobis displicet, laborare; sed de hujusmodi labore intromittit Subcelerarius Ecclesiæ vestræ supradictæ, et hoc facit de consensu meo ac etiam aliorum fratrum meorum, de quibus feci superius mentionem; et hoc fieri oportebit quousque Celerarius prædictus, auctoritate vestra, ab officio suo fuerit absolutus et alius in idem officium, juxta vestram discretionem, præfectus fuerit, ut est moris. Adhuc pater reverende, mitto vobis dilectum michi in Christo Johannem de Hildesle, latorem præsentium, pro quibusdam negotiis ecclesiam vestram specialiter contingentibus, cui fidem indubiam dignemini adhibere super hiis quæ vobis ex parte mea dixerit ista vice. Semper in Christo feliciter valeat et vigeat meus pater. Scriptum Cantuariæ xvj° die Julii.

tent and that a new one should be appointed.

(July 1336.) L. 65 *b*.

600.—Littera missa Domino Archiepiscopo pro discordia inter homines de Sandwico et homines de Taneto.

The men of Thanet and those of Sandwich have quarrelled, and violent rioting is expected; the Archbishop is therefore begged to interpose.

Quicquid obedientiæ, reverentiæ poterit, et honoris. Pater et Domine reverende, ex relatu fidedignorum, die confectionis præsentium, intellexi quod magna discencio seu discordia est exorta inter multos viros portus de Sandwico ac etiam alios homines de Taneto; et in tantum est istius discordiæ materia cognita et dispersa, quod utriusque communitatis bonum pacis et quietis, quod vobis dolenter refero, totaliter est sopitum. Et advertere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod nisi per vestram discretionem congruum remedium super hujusmodi discordia ocius procuretur, de magno et gravi periculo, ac etiam dampnoso ut communiter dicitur, in brevi venturo in dicta insula est timendum. Minæ vero quoque furiosæ a quibusdam viris de Sandwico procedunt multipliciter, ut refertur, quod ipsi præfatam insulam, per incendia subitanea vel alia nocumenta improvisa, intendunt, modis varis quibus poterunt, perturbare. Et si hujusmodi periculum eveniat, quod absit, vobis et Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensi magnum et notabile dampnum, ut dicitur, inminebit in insula supradicta, cum vos, benedictus Deus, sitis ditati multis possessionibus in eadem. Causam vero dictæ discordiæ vobis hac vice non scribo, quia suppono quod ille eam vobis exprimet seriose qui vestræ reverendæ paternitati meas litteras tradet istas. In Christo, pacis auctore, valeat meus pater.

22 Sept. (1336). L. 65 *b*.

601.—Certificatorum pro congregatione, cum aliis contentis.

The Prior writes peevishly to the

Quicquid obedientiæ, reverentiæ poterit, et honoris. Pater et Domine reverende, Dominus Johannes de Toneford rector ecclesiæ de Prestone, ex parte vestra,

litteras credenciæ detulit nuper michi, et tria sua credencia continebat: Primum est: quod pactum inter vos et me initum non servavi. Secundum est: quod de illis quæ vestram visitationem contingunt intromittere non deberem. Et tertium est: quod vestra pendet visitatio. Et hoc sciam quo ad primum et secundum, ut firmiter oppinor, vobis in mea absentia aliquid est suggestum quod est contrarium veritati. Quo ad tertium: sicut fuerit voluntas in cœlo sic fiat. Adhuc, pater reverende, licet vos propter quædam relata, ut intellexi, aliqualiter sitis moti, tamen illius Domini habetis memoriam efficacem de quo dicit propheta: *cum iratus fueris misericordiæ recordabis;*[1] qua ratione vos hac vice humiles confidentius preces fundo, quatinus in instanti congregatione cleri habere velitis meam personalem absentiam excusatam; quædam vere infirmitas me detinet, in tantum quod prædictæ congregationi non valeo commode personaliter interesse. Procuratores pro me et Capitulo vestro sunt ydonei constituti, prout fieri consuevit. Valeat vestra paternitas reverenda semper in Christo, pro cujus cultu, ad rogatum meum, salubriter ampliando in quadam capella de Garwinton, vestræ diœcesis, credere dignemini dilecto michi in Christo Magistro Thomæ de Cantuaria, præsentium portitori. Scriptum Cantuariæ xxij^do^ die Septembris.

Archbishop complaining that he is misconstrued. He cannot attend the Parliament.

602.—Littera directa Domino Johanni Archiepiscopo pro negotio de Ryssebergh, et quod personæ recipi possint indui habitu monachali sine visu Archiepiscopi.

21 Oct. (1336). L. 66 *a*.

Venerabili in Christo patri Domino Johanni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc. devoti filii Ricardus Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Can-

The Prior, who has caused a number

[1] Habac. 3, 2.

of the tenants of Monks Risborough to be seized and brought to Canterbury, asks the Archbishop to protect him against their attempts at revenge. Also he asks to be allowed to admit some new monks without having previously, according to old custom, presented them personally to the Archbishop.

tuariensis, salutem, cum omni obedientia, reverentia, et honore. Quod a sapientibus provideatur cum ad actum pervenit facilius toleratur, sic enim providere cautius nititur unusquisque, ut perniciosa jacula non lædant omnino, vel saltem noceant eo minus. Nuper, pater reverende, occasione captionis nativorum nostrum de Ryssebergh, variis comminationum insultibus sumus præventi, pro eo quod eadem captio vi et armis contra pacem dicitur esse facta; propter quod coram Justitariis Domini nostri Regis quidam nos impetere moliuntur; sed vestram paternitatem considerantes nobis benignam, dum sub vestris alis quiescamus, ad tempus invadere nos non audent, sed, in seculi imitatione, non modicam spem dissimulant et expectant, ut nobis temporibus futuris latius et liberius dampnum inferant seu gravamen. Quod aliqui de sapientibus providentes vestram reverendam discretionem et providam in agendo, quam Deus ad Ecclesiæ regnique regimen diu serviat, per nos super præmissis reputant consulendam ac etiam postulandam. Nos igitur dictorum sapientum consiliis inhærentes, cordibus et corporibus inclinatis, vobis humiliter supplicamus, ut, sicut Ecclesiæ vestræ sponsæ multa mansura commoda procurastis et ad effectum, per Dei gratiam, produxistis, sic, pro futuris incommodis repellendis, dignemini vestram providentiam adhibere. Et si vestræ dominationi sit visum quod, propter vim et arma prædicta, gratia seu perdonatio Domini nostri Regis, per suas litteras patentes, nobis sit utilis et roganda; deprecamur humiliter et instanter, quatinus dignetur vestra pia paternitas hujusmodi perdonationem seu gratiam nobis, prout decreveritis, efficaciter procurare; ut si in eventum patiamur impulsum, habeamus provisum contra comminantium jacula nobis scutum, quod per vestram providentiam habebimus, ut speramus; quia licet localiter a vobis distemus, eritis vestris humilibus cordialiter nobis prope. Adhuc, pater reverende, vobis

innotescimus, per hæc scripta, quod nos quasdam ydoneas personas ad nostrum habitum monachalem in vestra Cantuariensi Ecclesia portandum recepimus, juxta morem; et ad vos recognoscimus pertinere ut hujusmodi personas debeatis videre antequam habitibus monachalibus induantur; et ulterius acceptare examinationes seu probationes dictarum personarum, tam in moribus quam scientia, quæ per vestrum Capitulum extant factæ, prout fieri consuevit. Jam vero inter vos et nos est distantia loci tanta, quæ potest, ut nobis videtur, rationabiliter vos movere ut nobis, de vestra gratia, concedatur quod sine visu vestro prædictæ personæ in vestra Cantuariensi Ecclesia supradicta habitibus prænominatis valeant indui, ista vice. Super hac materia, ac aliis vobis diffusius exprimendis, credere velitis dilecto confratri nostro Roberto Hathebrand, præsentium portitori. Valeat vestra paternitas reveranda in Christo, qui cum pacis et quietis tranquilitate multiplicet dies vestros. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro xxj^{mo} die Octobris.

603.—LITTERA DIRECTA WALTERO DE LAPPESFLODE UT NOS CERTIFICET DE STATU BONORUM NOSTRORUM APUD DOCKOMBE. 4 Oct. 1336. L. 66 *a*.

In Christo salutem. Amice, nos ex relatu fidedignorum intelleximus, quod Henricus de Lappesflode, pater vester, qui pro nobis et nostris multum, cum diligentia efficaci, per seipsum ac etiam alios, sui gratia, fideliter, laboravit, viam universæ carnis, ad quam nos cotidie tendimus, est ingressus; cujus animæ propitietur Ille cui est proprium misereri. Et quia vos præfatum Henricum, pro nostris temporalibus laborantem apud Dockombe, vestri gratia, specialiter supportastis, vobis confidentius scribimus ista vice, ex affectu non modico vos rogantes, quatinus de bonis nostris prædictis, ac de eorundem statu, quorum

The Prior asks the son of the deceased resident agent of the Convent at Docombe, in Devonshire, to give him information about the state of the manor, coming to Canterbury, if

possible, for the purpose.

plenam notitiam dictus pater vester dum vixit habuit et vos, ut supponimus, habetis, velitis viva voce vestra nobis referre in brevi, quamcitius poteritis, bona nova. Et si ad nos commode accedere non possitis personaliter, quod nollemus, tunc, si placet, super custodia dictorum bonorum nostrorum id quod vobis videtur esse melius faciendum, citra festum Omnium Sanctorum proxime futurum, nos per vestras litteras informetis; scientes, quod sine vestra præsentia corporali, vel informatione quam appetimus literali, non intendimus de hujusmodi bonis nostris, vel eorum custodia, aliquid extraneum ordinare. Et quando ad nos accedetis, prout prius desideramus, seu mittetis, sic, si placet, ordinetis, quod debitum quodcunque ad nostram Ecclesiam, ratione dictorum bonorum nostrorum, pertinens, citra dictum festum vel ad tardius in eodem, totaliter habeamus. Et si pro nobis tantum volueritis laborare, nos sic de vestro labore cogitabimus, Deo dante, quod vobis nostra cogitatio, ut speramus utilis apparebit. Valete in vero Salutari, et valeant qui vos desiderant intueri. Scriptum Cautuariæ iij° die Octobris sub nostro sigillo privato.

31 Oct. (1336).

L. 66 *a*.

604. — Littera missa Domino Archiepiscopo pro discordia nuper exorta inter familiam nostram et Senescallum ejusdem Domini Archiepiscopi.

The Archbishop's Seneschal has declared that his servants and the keeper of the Archbishop's palace at Canter-

Venerabili, etc. *ut supra*. Pater et Domine reverende, sicut convenit rationi satisfacere pro commissis, ita durum videretur quibusdam delinquentes recognoscere non convictos, de quorum excessibus non constaret, seu satisfaciendo pro ipsis, delictum quodammodo confiteri. Quod nos vestri supplices attendentes, cum nuper homo valens et prudens Dominus J. de Hampton, vester in temporalibus Senescallus, assereret familiares suos et palatii vestri custodem læsos esse

per quosdam de nostris, præcedente nostrorum ipsorum insultu, prout invenisse se dixit per inquisitionem factam per suos familiares juratos, ipsi pro parte nostra fuit oblatum, quod de nostris similis inquisitio servaretur, et qui posset culpabilis inveniri emendam faceret competentem. Tandem inquisitione per nostros super negotio prædicto juratos sic facta, quia nostri non fuerunt culpabiles (ut nobis videbatur inventi) obtulimus vestro Senescallo prædicto, quod ipse viam aliquam mediam inveniret, per quam posset rationabiliter veritas inveniri et delictum puniri; quod ipse Senescallus admittendum non duxit, sed, per aliquos forsitan provocatus, præcise postulavit emendam. Nos autem, non videntes nostros delictum sic impositum commisisse, tres de nostris confratribus, videlicet, Hugonem de Sancta Margareta Pœnitentiarium, W. de Coventre, et S. de Sancto Petro, misimus ad Senescallum eundem, per ipsos offerentes, ut prius, quod si rationabilem viam videret quomodo posset de præmissis inquiri, in ipsa via staremus, et convicti satisfacerent delinquentes, prout juris seu rationis veritas exigit et requirit; quod admittere non curavit, sed, ut prius, petit emendam, ceterum asserens quod nescimus. Propter quod, ne subito paternitatem vestram moveat volans rumor, dominationi vestræ per præsentes litteras intimamus, quod, quantum in nobis est, pacem in omnibus affectamus, et præsertim cum vestris unam et unanimem familiam reputari. Et quamcitius aliquem de nostris invenerimus culpabilem in præmissis, emendam faciet vel recedet. Rogamusque quatinus nos excusatos habere dignemini donec plenius inquiratur; mallemus enim aspera multa pati quam rebelles vobis fovere, qui parati sumus vestris beneplacitis obedire, et pro vobis et vestris facere libenter quod possimus. Valeat, etc. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro ultimo die Octobris.

bury have been assaulted by some of the servants of the Monastery. After two *ex parte* inquiries have been held, one by the Seneschal, when the servants of the Monastery were found guilty, and the other by the Chapter when their servants were found innocent, the matter still remains unsettled, and the Seneschal demands pecuniary amends. To procure peace the Prior asks the Archbishop to interpose.

4 Nov. (1336). L. 66 *b*.

605.—Littera directa Domino J. de Oxene pro duobus canonicis admittendis ad habitum monachalem.

Two Canons of St. Fideswydes at Oxford are reported, by one of the monks who is studying in Oxford, to be desirous of entering the Benedictine Order at Canterbury. The Prior assents to their proposal, but, giving an extract from the rule of St. Benedict, he requires them to obtain the permission of their own present Superior.

Salutem in Christo. Karissime frater, recepimus nuper litteras vestras,[1] commendationes duorum canonicorum de Domo Sanctæ Frydiswydæ tam in moribus quam scientia ac etiam statura, prout scitis, specialiter continentes; quibus per nos aliqualiter intellectis, intravimus hora nona nostrum Capitulum, ubi nostris fratribus intimavimus seriose ea quæ vestræ litteræ continebant; et consequenter nobis et eisdem confratribus complacebat ut prædicti duo canonici, de quibus fecistis in vestris litteris mentionem, quam, ut supponimus, totaliter retinetis, veniant ad nos, sub regula Sancti Benedicti victuri totaliter, ut affectant. Sub qua forma debent venire, in eadem regula, videlicet capitulo lxiij^cio^, mentio est inserta; quam, ex causa, vobis ostendimus sub hiis verbis: *Caveat Abbas ne aliquando de alio noto monasterio monachum ad habitandum suscipiat sine consensu Abbatis ejus aut litteris commendationis; quia scriptum est, "quod "tibi non vis fieri alteri non feceris."* Nostræ regulæ hæc sunt verba, quæ a nostris fratribus sunt aliqualiter recitata, et placet quod ad nos veniant canonici supradicti, ita tamen quod verba nostræ regulæ quæ sunt præscripta nullatenus offendantur, immo totaliter observentur in eorum accessu, quem appetunt multi fratres. Valete in Christo; scientes ulterius, quod fratres nostri desiderant esse certi quomodo ad sacros ordines prædicti canonici sunt promoti, si quos retroactis temporibus receperunt. Scriptum Cantuariæ iiij^to^ die Novembris sub sigillo nostro privato.

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[1] *quæ* ins. MS.

606.—Littera directa Domino J. de Paxtone pro quodam Henrico canonico admittendo ad habitum monachalem.

10 Nov. (1336).

L. 66 *b*.

The Prior agrees to receive into his Order and Convent a novice who has been trained in the Priory of Kenilworth, and whose fitness is certified by Dom. J. de Paxtone, a Canterbury monk, who is warned not to recommend him to begin his journey until he has passed a qualifying examination.

Salutem, etc. Amice, recepimus litteras vestras apud Cantuariam, die Veneris, videlicet, octavo die Novembris, continentes materiam commendandam, et, ut nobis scribitis, concernentem Henricum de Selvertone, qui in Prioratu de Kenilleworth tanquam novicius moram traxit. Quibus litteris vestris per nos totaliter intellectis, vocavimus nostros fratres, qui una nobiscum consensum unanimem in nostro Capitulo præbuerunt ut prædictus H. vobiscum veniat ut optatis, et etiam in nostra Ecclesia Cantuariensi recipiat habitum monachalem, quem ibidem ad salutem animæ suæ portare concedat Omnipotens Deus noster. Et advertere velitis, quod nos et nostri confratres in vobis fidem tantam habemus quod nolletis quod prædictus H. ad nos accederet, ut scripsistis, nisi suus accessus in hac parte nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ cederet in honorem. Et antequam versus nostras partes, pro habitu inter nos portando, arripiat iter suum, examinetis eum super articulis contentis in quadam cedula præsentibus interclusa; per quam viam examinationis vos, prout scitis, alias transivistis; sic vero pro nobis et vobis accedat securius ut videtur. In quo habitu veniet, dilectus confrater noster W. de Chertham, ut supponimus, vobis scribet, una cum aliis quæ vos contingunt pariter et præmissa. Valeat, etc. Scriptum Cantuariæ x^mo^ die Novembris.

25 Nov. (1336).

L. 67 *a*.

607.—Littera missa Domino J. Archiepisco, propter suggestiones sibi factas, ut audire velit Capitulum suum antequam nimiam fidem adhibeat eisdem suggestionibus.

The Archbishop has had tales told to him about the Prior and Chapter which the latter assert are not true. But they offer to submit the whole matter to the Archbishop's own arbitration.

Venerabili in Christo patri, etc. Pater et Domine reverende, membra capiti naturaliter coaptantur, ut capud dirigat sua membra, ac ipsa capiti sint intenta; et sic dilectionis vinculis colligantur quod nesciant adinvicem non amare. Deus autem, cuncta disponens et naturam ad nutum sua potestate transcendens, nos vestros supplices, vestra membra licet insufficientia, vobis nostro sano capiti et felici, prout sibi placuit sic copulavit; et nos pro hujusmodi capitis cum membris placabili unione veraciter dicere possumus congaudentes, quia nostrum capud est sanum cetera membra gaudent. Sed nostræ lætitiæ in hac parte humani generis inimicus invidens, ac etiam unitati, quod via directa non potuit nitens facere per obliquam, propter quorundam conflictus extrinsecos bellum inducere voluit intestinum, quibusdam suggestionibus gravibus, ut audivimus, vobis factis; super quibus parcat Dominus suggerenti. Et advertere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda quod sapientis est dictum: *alteram partem audi*; unde, vestræ considerationis temperie confidentes, cum humilitate qua possumus supplicamus, quatinus pro excessibus aliorum nusquam a vestro Capitulo benignitatis si placet oculos avertatis, sed ipsum ut prius dignemini dirigere et fovere, et inchoata negotia consummare, et majora pro tempore, secundum quod decreveritis, procurare. Promittimus vero, quod speramus fideliter et firmiter observare, quod siquis de nostris fuerit inventus in culpa, ad ordinationem vestræ paternitatis benignæ, parata fiet emenda, vel festinanter a nobis recedet si per nos valeat removeri. Nos etiam juxta præfatam

ordinationem vestram stare promittimus in toto si vestram paternitatem reverendam offenderimus quovismodo, et parati sumus, sicut tenemur, vestræ dominationi pro viribus complacere. Adhuc pater et Domine reverende, mittimus ad vos dilectum fratrem nostrum Robertum Hathbrand, præsentium portitorem, cui credere velitis super hiis quæ vobis ex parte nostra dixerit ista vice. Dominus omnipotens et Rex noster qui regit cœlum et terram dirigat vos in regimine suæ plebis. Super præmissis beneplacitum vestrum, quod nobis non modicum confortamen afferet ut speramus, vestris litteris si placet mediantibus, audiemus. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro xxv^to^ die Novembris.

608.—ALIA LITTERA MISSENDA[1] PER PRIOREM, TANGENS MATERIAM PROXIME PRÆSCRIPTAM. 25 Nov. 1336.

L. 67 *a*.

The Prior personally, to whom the above-mentioned reports especially apply, offers, on his private account, to accept the Archbishop's arbitration.

Quicquid obedientiæ poterit et honoris. Pater karissime, intellexi, per verba, quod multas querelas me concernentes audivistis; propter quod vobis humiles preces fundo, ut hujusmodi auditis non nimiam fidem adhibeatis,[2] si placet, donec me decreveritis auscultare, qui sum, prout scitis, pars altera in hac parte. Et si me per vos ut prædicitur auscultatum culpabilem valueritis invenire, promitto stare in toto, ac facere consequenter prout volueritis ordinare; quia, ut firmiter spero, non ordinabitis nisi bene. Adhuc pater karissime, vos rogo quatinus velitis favorabiliter ac etiam efficaciter exaudire dilectum confratrem meum R. Hathbrand, super hiis quæ ex parte vestri Capituli vobis dicet, sic vero ipsum Capitulum multum poteritis confortare. Valeat, etc. Datum ut supra.

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[1] sic MS. | [2] adhibete, MS.

8 Nov. and 12 Dec. 1336. L. 67 *a*.

This letter, which did not reach its destination for a month after its date, shows what were the *suggestions* which had been made to the Archbishop to the disadvantage of the Chapter. A horse had been forfeited on one of the manors of the Church. Of this horse the Prior took possession as head of the Chapter, but the Archbishop claimed it as head of the Church, and hence a misapprehension. By this letter the Archbishop demands the horse.

609.—Littera Priori per Dominum Archiepiscopum pro quodam palfredo forisfacto.

Salutem, cum benedictione et gratia Salvatoris. Ex liberalitate regum et consuetudine hactenus usitata, Archiepiscopi Cantuarienses, prædecessores nostri, percipere consueverunt et habere omnes forisfacturas rerum mobilium et immobilium per totum dominium et libertatem Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, et de ipsis forisfacturis disponere prout eorum cederet voluntati. Sed nuper vos, ut accepimus, quendam palfredum in dominio et libertate Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ forisfactum, qui ad nos spectat et spectare debet, ut est dictum, vestris usibus applicastis, ipsum ministris nostris reddere non curantes, licet vos pro parte nostra sæpius interpellaverint; de quo miramur quamplurimum, præsertim cum vos jurium nostrorum teneremus ante hæc tempora præcipuum defensorem. Vos igitur hortamur in Domino, in caritatis visceribus suadentes, quatinus, memores salutis æternæ et sanam conscienciam resumentes, quod nostrum est nostris ministris sine difficultate restituere non tardetis. De eo vero quod facere volueritis in hac parte, nos vestris velitis litteris, sine mora, reddere certiores. In Christo feliciter valeatis. Scriptum apud Eboracum sub sigillo nostro privato viij.° die Novembris.

Istas litteras recepi apud Cantuariam, die Jovis in vigilia Sanctæ Luciæ virginis, videlicet, xij^{mo} die Decembris, quibus respondimus sub forma subsequenti.

610.—Littera responsalis missa Domino Archiepiscopo supradicto pro palfredo forisfacto. 14 Dec. 1336. L. 67 *a*.

Suo patri obedientiam debitam cum honore. Pater et Domine reverende, nuper mihi vestras litteras transmisistis, continentes quod unum palfredum in vestro dominio forisfactum, et ad vos, ut est dictum, spectantem ac per me contra voluntatem ministrorum vestrorum detentum, eisdem ministris vestris restituere non tardarem. Pro hac materia advertere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod super dicta forisfactura fuit et est magna altercatio quo tempore debeat vobis liberari vel alii cuicumque, et hujusmodi altercatio fuit et est in(ter) illos qui vestri Capituli et mei sunt consiliarii specialiter deputati. Verumptamen, juxta vestrarum litterarum exigentiam prædictarum, dictum palfredum liberavi Domino J. de Hamptone, vestro in temporalibus Senescallo, sub spe tali firma ut prædicta altercatio, per vos, cum ad vestram Ecclesiam Cantuariensem decreveritis personaliter declinare, totaliter et feliciter sit decisa. Valeat in Christo semper karissimus meus pater. Scriptum Cantuariæ in crastino Sanctæ Luciæ Virginis.

The Prior, assuring the Archbishop that he is in the wrong, nevertheless offers to surrender the horse.

611.—De responsione panis a celeraria de granaria tempore Thomæ de Sandwyco Granetarii. 1336. L. 107 *b*.

Memorandum quod primo quarterio anno regni Regis Edwardi x° Thomas de Sandwyco Granetarius

The weight of bread-stuff sent

by the Granetarius to the Cellerar's department during the winter quarter of the year.

misit ad Celerarium de quolibet genere panem per suum asseis [1] quantum inferius nominatur.

De pane Conventus	-	$\overset{\text{xx.}}{\text{xxij.}}$ denariatos.
De smalpeys	- -	$\overset{\text{xx.}}{\text{xx.}}$,,
De feytys	- - -	$\overset{\text{xx.}}{\text{xxvij.}}$,,
De pleynpeyn	- -	$\overset{\text{xx.}}{\text{xxx.}}$,,
De pane coquinæ	-	$\overset{\text{xx.}}{\text{vij.}}$,,

1336.
L. 107 *b.*

612.—De nova fenestra in Capella Apostolorum Petri et Pauli.

Memorandum of the expenses incurred in inserting the great decorated window in St. Anselm's chapel in Canterbury Cathedral. The window is usually wrongly ascribed to Prior Eastry.

Memorandum quod anno Domoni $\mathrm{M^{o}CCCXXXVI^{to}}$ facta fuit una nova fenestra in Ecclesia Christi Cantuariensis, videlicet, in Capella Sanctorum Apostolorum Petri et Pauli, pro qua sub forma quæ sequitur expensæ fuerant ministratæ.

In primis: pro solo artificio seu labore cementariorum, xxj. *li.* xvij. *s.* ix. *d.*

Item: pro muri fractione ubi est fenestra, xvj. *s.* ix. *d.*

Item: pro zablo et calce, xx. *s.*

Item: pro m^1m^1 ferri empta ad dictam fenestram, iiij. *li.* iiij. *s.*

Item: pro artificio fabrorum, lxv. *s.* iiij. *d.*

Item: in lapidibus de Cain emptis ad eandem, c. *s.*

Item: pro vitro ac labore vitrarii, vj. *li.* xiiij. *s.* iiij. *d.*

Summa totalis pro dicta fenestra, xlij. *li.* xvij. *s.* ij. *d.*

De quibus subtractis viij. *li.* xij. *s.* iiij. *d.* datis a quibusdam amicis ad dictam fenestram remanet summa pecuniæ ministratæ per Ricardum Priorem pro eadem, xxiiij. *li.* iij. *s.* x. *d.*

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[1] sic, MS.

613.—Recognitio facienda juxta modum Lumbardorum pro pecunia mutuanda, videlicet, coram quodam Clerico Cancellariæ. (1336.) L. 107 *b*.

Nos Frater R. de B. Prior Ecclesiæ de C. recognoscimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, nos debere A. de D. tot libras sterlingorum, solvendas ad tale terminum; et nisi fecerimus, concedimus quod prædicta pecunia levetur de terris et catallis nostris in Comitatu tali et alibi. Teste R., etc.

Formula. An approved form of promissory note, such as was used by the Lombard money-lenders.

614.—Petitio Abbatis de Boxeleya, videlicet, quod possit tenere de nobis viij. acras vel circiter quæ pertinent ad manerium nostrum de Holyngbourne. (1336.) L. 110 *a*.

Quoad petitionem factam Priori [et Capitulo] Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis per Dominum Abbatem de Boxeleya, de quibus adquirendam licenciam postulabat, sic respondendum est:

Primo: sic respondetur, si idem Dominus Abbas facere possit quod Prior Ecclesiæ Christi et ejusdem loci Capitulum habeant tanta tenementa de feodo ejusdem Domini Abbatis, vel alterius, ejusdem valoris sicut tenementa de feodo prædicti Prioris ad præsens existunt, dumtamen sint ad aysiamentum ipsius Prioris sicut et alia sunt eidem Domino Abbati, videtur annuere in hac parte votis ipsius Abbatis.

Secundo: respondetur sic: quia advertenda est jactura proveniens quo ad relevium et escaetam; si idem Abbas concedere velit, de consensu Capituli sui, quem-

Counsel's opinion on the answer to be given to the Abbot of Boxley, who wished to acquire eight acres of land in the fee of Christ Church at Hollingbourne. Also on the answer to be given to one who wanted to buy the share of

the monastery in Seaton Mill in Ickham.

dam annuum redditum, onerando se et domum suam de eodem, prout per consilium ejusdem Prioris juxta formam juris ordinabitur, ita quod prædictus redditus annuatim sic persolvendus, cedere possit in recompensationem gratuitam releviorum et escaetæ sic amittendorum.

Quoad petitionem Thomæ le Bad de molendino de Setene sic est respondendum:

Quia medietas ejusdem molendini est in seisina Prioris Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, et illam tenet ut de jure Ecclesiæ suæ prædictæ, quod quidem jus in omnibus tenetur observare et inviolabiliter manutenere; non est licitum ea quæ juris Ecclesiæ sunt alienare, neque in aliquo diminuere, sed potius ea pro viribus augere.

26 Feb. 1337.

L. 107 *a*.

615.—Littera Domini J. Archiepiscopi de absolvendo Alexandrum de Rydelyngsweald ab officio Pœnitentiariæ.

The Archbishop asserts his right to remove, and, with restrictions, to appoint a confessor in the Convent of Christ Church.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus dilectis filiis Priori, etc. Quia confratrem et commonachum Alexandrum de Rydelyngsweld, Pœnitentiarium nostrum in Ecclesia supradicta, etc. ab officio pœnitentiariæ hujusmodi duximus absolvendum, vobis mandamus, quod juxta consuetudinem nostræ Ecclesiæ supradictæ, tres personas ydoneas vestri collegii nobis nominare curetis, ad officium prædictum, de quibus unam illarum, prout nobis videbitur, ad ipsum officium assumemus, juxta consuetudinem memoratam; jure nostro, quo ad præmissa et alia nobis competentia, futuris temporibus semper salvo. Datum apud Lamhuth iiij. kalendas Martii anno Domini mcccxxxvj^o^, et nostræ translationis iiij^to^.

616.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO PRO TRIBUS PERSONIS NOMINATIS AD OFFICIUM PINCERNARIÆ. 5 Mar. 1337. L. 107 *a*.

Quicquid obedientiæ, etc. Pater et domine reverende, vestrum Capitulum et ego nuper recepimus vestras litteras, continentes quod vos Fratrem Alexandrum de Rydelyngswealde, etc. ab officio pœnitentiariæ fore decrevistis absolvendum. Fratres igitur mei, etc. vobis nominant ad officium prædictum tres fratres, videlicet, Johannem de Sandwyco, Willelmum de Mallyng, et Thomam de Holyngbourne de quibus unum, etc. assumetis. Valeat et vigeat meus pater in Illo quem peperit virgo mater. Scriptum Cantuariæ v^to^ die Martii.

The Prior and Chapter nominate three persons from whom the Archbishop may choose one to fill the place of Confessor to the Convent.

Entered in the register 1337.

617.—LITTERA INDENTATA QUALITER MAGISTER R. DE HAUTE TENET ECCLESIAM DE WESTERHAM DE NOBIS SUB ANNUA PENSIONE VIJ. DENARIORUM. L. 107 *a*.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos Henricus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum recepimus et habuimus a discreto viro Magistro R. de Haute annuam pensionem vij. denariorum, in quibus nobis tenebatur de ecclesia de Westerham, Roffensis diœcesis, pro primo anno nobis appropriata per venerabilem patrem Dominum Hamonem Dei gratia Roffensem Episcopum, Capituli sui et prædicti Magistri Ricardi interveniente consensu. Quam quidem ecclesiam idem Magister Ricardus nomine nostro tenet sub hujusmodi annua pensione vij. denariorum nobis solvendorum. In cujus rei testimonium nos prædicti Henricus Prior et Capitulum

An old receipt for the pension due to the Convent from the Rector of Westerham exemplified.

sigillum nostrum commune, et ego prædictus Magister Ricardus sigillum meum, huic scripto indentato apposuimus alternatim.[1]

Memorandum quod de hujusmodi solutione annuæ pensionis habemus instrumenta, ut patent, in Cancellaria nostra, ubi sunt orriginalia seu munimenta quæ istam materiam concernunt.

1 Mar. 1337.

L. 104 *a*.

618.—De defectibus librorum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, videlicet, die Sancti Gregorii anno Domini m^o^ccc^mo^xxxvij^o^.

Call over of the books in the monastic Library.

Defectus librorum de primo detectione.

Primo: deficit liber *Transfiguratus in Crucifixum*, ad quem est in nota Frater W. de Coventre.

Item: deficit *Avicenna* Magistri Roberti de Conubia, ad quem est in nota Frater W. de Staple.

Item: deficiunt liber qui dicitur *Brito super prologos bibliæ* Johannis de Boctone, et quinque libri Anselmi in uno volumine S. de Sancto Paulo, ad quos est in nota Thomas de Undirdoune Senior.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Logica vetus et nova* J. Everarde, pro quo respondere habet Frater W. de Tanneto.

Item: deficiunt libri Cassiodori *Senatoris* et liber, videlicet, *Grecissimus* J. de Bocton, ad quos est in nota Frater Ricardus Merstham.

Item: deficiunt libri *Scriptum Thomæ super tertium sententiarum*, *Scriptum Thomæ super quartum sententiarum* W. de Hyeberi, *Scriptum Thomæ super primum et secundum sententiarum*, et

[1] This form of receipt, taken from one actually given to the Rector in Prior Eastry's days, was copied into the register in 1337, to justify the Chapter in claiming the pension at that date.

Augustinus super libero arbitrio R. de Wynchelesse, ad quos est in nota Frater W. de Hethe.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Summa super librum phisicorum* Thomæ Stoyl, ad quem in nota est Frater Philippus de Wickham.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Vita Sancti Thomæ Martiris* de communi, ad quem in nota est Frater Willelmus de Cantuaria.

Summa librorum qui deficiunt de prima demonstratione, xiij., pro quibus habent respondere fratres proximi præscripti.

Defectus librorum de secunda demonstratione in mangnis tabulis.

Primo: deficit liber qui dicitur *Tractatus de x. præceptis* Johannis de Hardris, ad quem est in nota Frater Ricardus de Ickham.

Item: deficit liber *Transfiguratus in Crucifixum* Johannis de Hardris, ad quem est in nota Frater Thomas de Bourne.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Vita et miracula Beati Thomæ* Symonis Supprioris, ad quem est in nota Frater Ricardus de Wylardeseye.

Item: deficit liber qui intitulatur *Vita et miracula Beati Thomæ* Humfredi de Mallyngg, ad quem est in nota Frater Thomas de Godwyneston.

Item: deficiunt libri *Thomus* R. Schede, et *Miracula Beatæ Mariæ* in lingua Gallicana Johannis de Tanneto, ad quos est in nota Frater Robertus de Aledone.

Summa librorum qui deficiunt de secunda demonstratione in magnis tabulis vj., pro quibus habent respondere Fratres proximi præscripti.

Summa utriusque demonstrationis in manibus monachorum xix.

Defectus librorum in parvis tabulis.

Primo: deficit *Diurnale* G. de Waltune, Frater W. de Coventre, est in nota.

Item: deficit *Diurnale* Lamberti de Clyve, ad quem est in nota Frater Ricardus de Ickham.

Item: deficiunt libri *Psalterium* Johannis de Wodecherche, *Diurnale* Johannis Pucyn, *Exequiæ* Nicholai de Gore, ad quos est nomen Fratris Alani de Cruce.

Item: deficit *Diurnale* Mathei Pynke, ad quem est in nota Frater Johannes de Sandwyco.

Item: deficit *Diurnale* R. de London, ad quem est in nota Frater R. Aledone.

Item: deficiunt Diurnale ad Signum 𝔖, et *Exequiæ* Henrici de Diepham, ad quos est in nota Frater W. de Mallyngg.

Item: deficit *Psalterium* Thomæ Andrewe, ad quem est in nota Frater Dyonisius.

Item: deficiunt *Exequiæ* parvæ R. de Prittlewelle, Frater Petrus de Sales est in nota.

Item: deficit *Ordinale* de Camera depicta, Frater Robertus Hatthebrand est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium* Petri, ad quem est in nota Frater Thomas de Garwynton.

Item: deficit *Diurnale* Nicholai cum *Psalterio,* ad quem est in nota Frater Rogerius de Thanneto.

Item: deficit *Ordinale* Johannis de Boctone, ad quem est in nota Frater W. de Welles.

Item: deficit *Ordinale cum ymagine de Ascencione,* Frater Laurentius de Prestone est in nota.

Item: deficit *Processionale* Ricardi Cantoris, Frater W. de Chartham est in nota.

Item: deficit *Processionale* Willelmi Neyyford, Frater W. de Cantuaria est in nota.

Summa librorum qui deficiunt in parvis tabulis xix. pro quibus debent respondere Fratres proximi præscripti.

Defectus librorum de omnibus tabulis ad quos mortui monachi sunt in nota.

Primo: deficit liber qui dicitur *Instituta Petri Lumbardi*, Frater Hen. Moth est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri *Processionale* Jordani, et *Exequiæ* R. Prittlewell, Dominus H. Prior est in nota.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Speculum judiciale* R. de Clyve, Frater Thomas Stoyl est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Sententiæ Longobardi* W. de Ledebery, *Collecta de multis* J. de London, *Missale* Samuelis de Suffleton, et *Exequiæ* J. de Tannet, Frater J. Spycer est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Hystoria manducatoria* Humfredi de Mallyngg, *Psalterium Sancti Silvestri*, et *Exequiæ* R. Charles, Thomas Golston est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Biblus* Johannis de Chetham aut Roberti Sacristæ, et *Processionale* D. de Sancto Elphego, Joh. Wyngecleffe est in nota.

Item: deficit *Bruttus Gallicè* Ricardi Wynchepe, Alexander de Sandwyco est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium Beatæ Mariæ* Willelmi Cherryng, Ricardus Rawe est in nota.

Item: deficit *Bryto super bibliam* Johannis de London, Johannes de Wy est in nota.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Veritas theologica* Johannis de Hardris, Walterus de Norwye est in nota.

Item: deficit *Ordinale Camerarii Prioris,* Robertus de Tanneto est in nota.

Item: deficit *Ordinale* W. de Berkyngg Junioris, et *Psalterium* Johannis de Bocton, Frater Stephanus de Faversham est in nota.

Item: deficiunt *Diurnale* R. Foxele, et *Psalterium* Olyverii, Robertus de Seleseya est in nota.

Item: deficit *Diurnale* R. de Prittlewelle, Johannes de Malton est in nota.

Item: deficiunt *Diurnale* G. de Romenal, et *Psalterium* G. de Chillendenne, Thomas de Myddelton est in nota.

Item: *Psalterium . . . novum,* et *Exequiæ* Johannis de Gore, Johannes Everard est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Psalterium* Ricardi Cantoris, *Psalterium* W. Ledebery et *Exequiæ* Stephani de Worthe, J. Waloynes est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium* R. de Prittlewell, Daniel de Sutton est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium cum Ympnario* R. de Prittlewell, W. de Truleghe est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium* Petri de Bokkynge Laurentius de Cheyham est in nota.

Item: deficit *Missale* Anselmi de Eastria, Johannes de Chertham est in nota.

Item: deficit *Antiphonarium* Willelmi de Knolton, Lucas —— est in nota.

Item: deficit *Processionale* Bartholomei, Robertus Gattherst est in nota.

Item: deficit *Psalterium Beatæ Mariæ* parvum Willelmi de Berkyngg, Symo de Soles est in nota.

Summa librorum ad quos monachi defuncti sunt in nota xxxviij.

Defectus librorum in manibus secularium de magnis tabulis.

Primo: deficiunt libri, videlicet, Miracula *Sancti Thomæ* Frontardi, *Vitæ Beati Thomæ et Anselmi* W. de Bourne, Dominus Edwardus Rex secundus post conquestum est in nota.

Item: deficit liber qui dicitur *Digesta vetus*, pretii xl. solidorum, S. de Cretyng, Thomas de Bonyngton est in nota.

Item: deficit *Codex*, pretii iiij. marcarum, H. de Cretyng, Magister Henricus Shorne est in nota.

Item: deficit *Digesta vetus*, pretii l. solidorum, R. Lodelowe, Magister W. Wynderton est in nota.

Item: deficit liber, videlicet *Inforc'* Roberti de Faversham, *Codex* ejusdem R., et *Digesta vetus* Magistri de Bereham, Magister Robertus de Bereham est in nota.

Item: deficit *Digesta vetus* appreciatus pretio l. solidorum S. de Sancto Paulo, Robertus de Sandwyco est in nota.

Item: deficit *Inforciat'* Magistri Humfredi, Ricardus de Haute est in nota.

Item: deficit *Digesta vetus* Roberti de Faversham, Nicholaus de Dovoria est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Summa de vitiis et virtutibus* W. Ledebery, et *Epistolæ Sancti*

Thomæ R. le Hede, Magister Thomas Trussell est in nota.

Item: deficiunt libri, videlicet, *Digesta vetus* Symonis de Leycestria, item *Codex* (pro quo codice recepit Thesaurarius viij^to^ marcas et H. de Sancta Margareta xx. solidos) item *Justicia*, W. de Halberghe est in nota.

Item: liber qui dicitur *Johannes Crisostomus de laude Apostoli*, per praeceptum Domini R. Prioris, et valet quinque solidos.

Summa librorum in manibus secularium de magnis tabulis xvij.

12 Mar. 1337.

L. 67 *b*.

619.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO PRO CAUSIS SPECIALITER CONCERNENTIBUS DOVORIAM ET RYSSEBERGH.

A letter of thanks from Prior Oxenden to the Archbishop. The subjects mentioned in the title are only hinted at, but the Prior's characteristic style is well displayed.

Venerabili in Christo patri, etc. Devoti filii Ricardus, etc. Pater et Domine reverende, vestra redolens gratitudo, quam in negotiis nostris feliciter expediendis invenimus multipliciter efficacem, nos excitat et inducit vestræ reverendæ paternitati grates devotas rependere quas valemus, licet vobis refundere nequeamus gratiarum actiones debetas quas tenemur. Nos igitur, sic rationabiliter inducti ac etiam excitati, vestræ circa nos paternitati sollicitæ et benignæ grates quas possumus referimus cumulatas, quia in negotiis memoratis noster estis pater favorabilis et feliciter promovens eadem cum instantia diligenti; Deus vobis retribuat qui est sufficiens retributor. Et advertere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod inter dicta negotia per vos, vestri gratia, cognita et promota specialiter includuntur illa quæ concernunt Monasterium Sancti Martini de Dovoria, et Manerium nostrum

de Ryssbergh, de quibus adhuc prout decreveritis dignemini cogitare; sic vero erimus salubriter consolati, necnon omnes alii in vestra Cantuariensi Ecclesia monachi successuri. Et nisi hujusmodi consolatio nos vestris temporibus apprehendat, magnam dolendi materiam, ut timemus, habebimus, quod nolletis ut firmiter nos speramus. In Christo valeat vestra paternitas reverenda. Datum in Capitulo nostro xij^mo die Martii.

620.—DE LIBRIS MAGISTRI R. DE HAUTE NECNON ALIIS LEGATIS PER IPSUM CONVENTUI ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI. (1337.) L. 105 *a*.

In testamento legavit: "Lego religiosis viris Dominis Priori et Conventui Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis totum messuagium meum quod habeo in civitate Cantuaria in quodam vico qui vocatur le Mercerye. Item totum *Corpus juris civilis*. Item *Decretalia* et *Decreta una cum glossa Hostiensis* in duobus voluminibus. Item *Summa copiosa* et *Speculum judiciale*. Item x. libras argenti sub eo pacto et conditione ut ipsi pro eisdem rebus faciant celebrari imperpetuum, in capella suæ Elemosinariæ, unum anniversarium pro anima bonæ memoriæ Domini Roberti nuper Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, et pro anima Domini Willelmi de Haute militis et Julianæ uxoris suæ, et pro anima mea." Et istud legatum et ejus admissionem, per scriptum suum sigillo suo communi immunitum, fateantur, recognoscant, et se obligent.

Richard de Haute (rector of Westerham) having bequeathed some legacies to the Convent of Christ Church, an extract from his will containing the clauses in which the Convent is interested is copied into the register.

621.—LITTERA MISSA EIDEM ARCHIEPISCOPO PRO QUADAM VIOLENTIA FACTA IN SUA ECCLESIA. 12 June (1337). L. 67 *b*.

Quicquid obedientiæ reverentiæ poterit et honoris. Pater et Domine reverende, pro viribus nititur unusquisque quod, quatenus fieri possit, sit sine macula

During an affray in the Cathedral

Churchyard bloodshed (of a trifling character) has occurred, and Prior Oxenden in this verbose letter announces the fact to the Archbishop, and asks him to allow the Bishop of Rochester to *reconcile* the Churchyard.

sua sponsa, et si per alicujus injuriam sit sponsæ facies maculata sponsus se reputat obfuscatum. Nuper autem, videlicet, die Martis in ebdomada Pentecostes proximo præterita, honorabilis Cantuariensis Ecclesia, sponsa vestra, multis concurrentibus in processionibus, per violentam necnon injuriosam effusionem sanguinis cujusdam presbyteri notorie et patenter fuit polluta, propter quam maculam in eadem celebrare non audeo sicut prius, quamvis multi de meis confratribus sic abstinendum non reputent in hoc casu, cum tamen hoc videatur expressum de jure. Unde cum circa prædictam ecclesiam ferveat specialiter amor vester, quod factum est dignemini facere reformari, vel meis confratribus ac etiam mihi vestro vestram rescribere voluntatem, quid in hac parte duxeritis faciendum, ne vestri supplices periculis involvantur, qui nollent esse canonis contemptores. Quidam vero, de quibus supra fit sermo, dicunt quod alias propter hujusmodi sanguinis effusionem patentem non fuit reconciliata ecclesia supradicta, propter quod reputant præsumptive ipsam privilegio roboratam; de quo mihi non apparet ad præsens, qui omnia et singula spiritualia privilegia in dicta ecclesia vestra existentia, propter dictum casum, scrutari feci in quantum potui diligenter. Et idcirco pater reverende, super eodem casu velitis, prout decreveritis, remedium celeriter ordinare, quoniam scandalum ut videtur et periculum hic circumstant. Et si vobis esse expediens videatur, scribere dignemini Episcopo Roffensi, ut ipse, vice vestra, reconciliet vestram ecclesiam supradictam, necnon alia onera vestra supportet, videlicet, quo ad pueros confirmandos, necnon ecclesias dedicandas, et aliter in vestra diœcesi vos supportet prout volueritis ordinare. Non sine causa magna hanc materiam vobis scribo. Adhuc pater reverende, sunt in Ecclesia vestra quinque novitii laudabiliter viventes, videlicet,

Thomas de Gillyngham, Jacobus le Hwyte, Henricus de Selvertone, Robertus de Duffeld, et Johannes de Excestre, qui nondum compleverunt annum probationis et petunt instanter admitti ad professionem faciendam; propter quod vos rogo quatinus velitis committere mihi vices vestras ad recepiendum professiones suas, aliter vero aliquis eorum, ut timeo, nisi habeat quod petit instanter, ad seculum de facili poterit evolare; ex quo facto deberet, prout scitis, manifestum obloquium exoriri. Vestra reverenda paternitas in prosperis sit longæva. Scriptum apud Broke xix^{no} die Junii.

622.—Littera responsoria Domini J. Archiepiscopi ad litteram proxime prescriptam.

Salutem cum benedictione Dei et nostra. Displicent nobis multum ea quæ de pollutione nostræ ecclesiæ et vestris novitiis, non cum debita brevitate sed inutili verbositate, nobis vestris litteris intimastis; unde, rejectis opinionibus contentis in eis, utpote juri contrariis et ineptis, in ipsa ecclesia antequam reconciliata fuerit, unacum ipsius cimiterio eidem contiguo, celebrari divina, et in dicto cimiterio aliquem sepeliri, nullatenus permittatis; et vobis commissionem nostram transmittimus pro reconciliatione hujusmodi facienda. Et licet plurimum distrahamur et etiam occupemur circa negotia Ecclesiæ atque regni, si tamen alium Episcopum ad id nequeatis habere, quod nobis non modicum displiceret, ad vos ea occasione personaliter veniemus, omnibus aliis prætermissis. De novitiis vestris existentibus infra annum probationis suæ, et volentibus statim ad professionem admitti vel redire ad seculum, sicut dicunt, non præsumimus, sicut nec est præsumendum, quod ex bona intentione fuerunt

24 June 1337.

L. 67 *b*.

The Archbishop reproves the Prior for his verbosity, and consents to the calling in of the Bishop of Rochester.

religionem ingressi, nec quod unquam proficient in eadem; unde, si ex dicta causa velint exire, statim exeant cum maledictione Dei et nostra; ne ex mora eorum deterius forte contingat. Karissime attendite et videte si hæc fiant in viridi in arido quid fieri præsumemus; et an mittens manum ad aratrum et respiciens retro aptus dicatur in Evangelio regno Dei. Hoc tamen vestræ et eorum conscienciis duximus relinquendum; sed pro ipsis vestris novitiis per vos petitam a nobis licentiam, ex causis præmissis, rationabiliter denegamus. Semper in Domino feliciter valeatis. Scriptum apud Offyntone juxta Stanford, sub nostro sigillo privato, xxiiij die Junii.

Recepta fuit ista littera apud Westwell xxvij° die Junii. Et die Lunæ proxime sequenti ejusdem litteræ fuit facta executio.

(June 1337.)
L. 67 *b*.

623.—Consilium peritorum quid securius faciendum est super littera proxime prænotata.

Some of the monks, concluding that the priest's nose had bled without having suffered violence, continue to perform religious services in the Church, alleging that a mere flux without a blow does not produce technical *pollution*, hence the Prior takes Counsel's opinion.

Super hac littera quid facere debemus nobis quidam periti in jure suum consilium autumabant; dicentes quod melius foret, nostris monachis foret per nos publice inhibendum, ne in ecclesia nostra, sanguinis effusione polluta, vel cimiterio eidem contiguo, transgrederent canones et mandatum domini supradicti. Et si ita esset quod aliqui de eisdem fratribus dicere vellent quod nescirent modum facti quod esse dicitur violentum, unde abstinere prout in litteris Domini Cantuariensis continetur nullatenus tenerentur, hujusmodi fratribus sic volentibus opinari, rationabiliter dici potest, quod vulgaris relatio contestatur quod fuit per injuriam sanguis fusus, et illud verisimilius sonat in facto.

June 1337. L. 68 *a*.

624.—De hiis quæ providenda sunt ad reconciliationem ecclesiæ et cimiterii.

Memorandum of the apparatus which ought to be prepared against the Bishop comes to reconcile the Churchyard.

Primo, provideatur tentorium ad occidentalem partem ecclesiæ in cimiterio, in quo episcopus et ministri sui se debent revestire. Postea, in ecclesia prope magnum ostium occidentale provideantur aqua, sal, cineres, et vinum, in vasibus competentibus, et una formula et quatuor ladel(i) parvi, cum ysopo; et in singulis angulis ecclesiæ et cimiterii ponantur et impleantur magna vasa aqua. Item, provideantur portatores ad portandum aquam ad manus episcopi, quia tum debet circuire interius ecclesiam cum aqua, tum cimiterium, et totiens cum thurribulo et incenso.

4 July 1337. L. 68 *a*.

625.—Littera cautionaria Domino H. Roffensi Episcopo concessa.

Et memorandum quod die Martis in ebdomada Pentecostes, anno Domini millesimo ccc^{mo}xxxvij^{mo}, Ecclesia Cantuariensis fuit polluta propter sanguinis effusionem violentam; qua de causa Dominus H. Roffensis Episcopus, ad rogatum Domini R. Prioris Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis prædictæ, accessit ad eandem ecclesiam, quam, virtute commissionis Domini J. Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, reconciliavit, videlicet, iiij^{to} die Julii anno supradicto; et, ne prædictus accessus posset alias dici præjudicialis Ecclesiæ Roffensi, de consensu prædicti Domini R. Prioris et Capituli fuerunt eidem Episcopo litteræ concessæ, quarum tenor talis est:

The Bishop of Rochester, before he is allowed to *reconcile* the churchyard, is required to declare that his employment on

626.—Quorum interest noverint universi, quod cum Ecclesia Christi Cantuariensis fuisset sanguinis effusione polluta, et per reverendum patrem Dominum J. Dei gratia Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum, totius Angliæ Primatem, et Apostolicæ Sedis legatum, commissio facta fuisset, ut, a quocunque episcopo catholico executionem sui officii optinente, reconciliari posset ecclesia supradicta; nos Ricardus Prior ejusdem ecclesiæ venerabili patri Domino Hamoni Dei gratia Roffensi Episcopo

this occasion does not give him a right to interpose unasked in the affairs of the Monastery; nor does it entitle the Chapter to demand his future services as a right.

supplicavimus reverenter, ut, ad reconciliandum ipsam ecclesiam, ad eandem accedere dignaretur; qui, ob reverentiam Sanctissimæ Trinitatis et affectionem quam gerit erga Beatum Thomam maryrem gloriosum, ad nostras preces exposuit se labori, et ecclesiam reconciliavit prædictam: quod profitemur et recognoscimus esse factum, non ad aliquem novam consuetudinem, in ipsius aut Roffensis Ecclesiæ præjudicium, inducendam, vel introductionem cujuslibet novi juris, seu lesionem quamcunque, sed ut omnia tam Cantuariensem quam Roffensem Ecclesias concernentia ipsis integra permaneant sicut prius, non mutata penitus per hoc factum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi.

Et nos Capitulum dictæ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ, dictas professionem et recognitionem ratas habentes, eas in singulis suis articulis approbamus. In quorum testimonium, una cum sigillo dicti Domini Prioris, apponi fecimus præsentibus nostrum commune sigillum. Data in Capitulo nostro v^to^ die mensis Julii anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo^XXXVIJ^o^.

4 July (1337).

L. 68 *a*.

627.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA UT HOMINES NON EXIRENT DE KANCIA PROPTER GUERRAM HABITAM INTER REGES ANGLIÆ ET FRANCIÆ.

Littera missa Domino J. Archiepiscopo, de consilio et consensu Dominorum Episcopi Roffensis, et Abbatis Sancti Augustini Cantuariensis, necnon aliorum magnatum comitatus Kanciæ, pro defensione ejusdem et resistentia contra inimicos nostros.

The Prior asks the Archbishop to prevent the inhabitants of Kent from being sent out of the county as soldiers,

Pater et Domine reverende, cum proprer hostium congregatum navigium quod jam a diu mare lustravit et quæ potuit mala fecit in partibus maritimis Kanciæ, irreparabilia pericula verisimiliter formidentur; supplicant paternitati vestræ vestri devoti viri provinciæ supradictæ, et ego compellor cum aliis supplicare, quatinus, juxta modum antiquum, possint homines de partibus illis in provincia remanere, ad ecclesiæ con-

servationem et regni. Solet enim hoc non solum eis permitti, sed, in eorum adjutorium ad reipublicæ firmitatem, gens aliarum partium aggregari. Unde, pater, habere dignemini provinciam illam cordi, cujus est vestra defensio specialis. Vestræ, si placeat, paternitati denuntio quod, secundum vim et effectum litterarum vestrarum, est per Roffensem Episcopum reconciliatio ecclesiæ vestræ facta. Longævos cum prosperis custodiat Dominus dies vestros. Scriptum Cantuariæ iiij^{to} die Julii. Suus humilis

R. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis.

seeing that, exposed as Kent is to invasion, they are more likely to be wanted at home than elsewhere. The *reconciliation* of the Churchyard is again noticed.

628.—Acquietancia facta de bonis legatis vel liberatis Ecclesiæ Christi.

9 July 1337.

L. 180 *b*.

Noverint universi nos Ricardum Dei patientia Priorem, etc. vij° Idus Julii anno Domini MCCCXXXVIJ°, recipisse xl. solidos sterlingorum de Magistro Thoma Beek, canonico de Lyncoln, fratre germano, et executore testamenti Domini Johannis de Beek, militis, nuper defuncti, per manus Magistri Walteri de Stauren ejusdem Ecclesiæ Lyncolniensis Thesaurarii, quos quidem xl. solidos idem Dominus Johannes Beek in ultima voluntate sua ad feretrum Beati Thomæ Martiris disposuit offerendos. De quibus xl. solidis dictos Magistros, etc. quietamus per præsentes. In cujus, etc. Datum Cantuariæ die et anno supradictis.

The Chapter acknowledge the receipt of forty shillings, a legacy from Sir Thomas Beek to the Shrine of St. Thomas.

629.—Littera missa domino Archiepiscopo per Magistrum R. de Haute.

8 July (1337).

L. 68 *a*.

Quicquid obedientiæ potuerit et honoris. Pater reverende memoriter retinetis, qualiter vestri Prior et Capitulum ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis et ego, jam diu est, submisimus nos vestræ ordinationi, simpliciter ac etiam absolute, quo ad negotium concernens ecclesiam meam de Westerham, prout scitis. Verum, quia

The Rector of Westerham, of whose Church the Monastery has the reversion, reminds

the Archbishop that he long before undertook to settle the terms on which the actual rector might withdraw, and the Monastery succeed him.

a tempore submissionis prædictæ magnum tempus est elapsum, nec de ordinatione vestra quicquam apparet, timent partes prædictæ dictum negotium a vestræ paternitatis memoria abiisse. Quocirca cum instet tempus messium . . . . placeat vobis dictum negotium ad memoriam revocare, et illud feliciter expedire. In Christo valeat vestra paternitas reverenda. Scriptum Cantuariæ viij^{vo} die Julii.

Suus humilis et devotus clericus
Ricardus de Haute.

24 July 1337.

L. 68 *a*.

630.—Litteræ inhibitoriæ Domini J. Archiepiscopi missæ Domino R. Priori, ne ipse admittat aliquem ad habitum monachalem absque licentia dicti Domini Archiepiscopi.

The Prior, having informed the Archbishop that he has admitted a novice to make his profession as a monk in Christ Church, is reproved by the Archbishop, who tells him that, by ancient custom, all novices before they can take the vows must be personally presented to the Arch-

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ Sedis legatus, dilecto in Christo filio Priori ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Litteras vestras recepimus, inter cetera continentes quod Magistrum Edmundum de Chimbeham, per vos et confratres vestros admissum ad ordinem regularem in nostra Cantuariensi ecclesia . . . ., nobis mittere curavistis, ut se nostro conspectui præsentaret. Verum quia nostrorum prædecessorum et nostris temporibus est optentum, prout in registris eorum et nostris vidimus contineri, quod nullum ad ordinem antedictum admittere debeatis, nec etiam solebatis, nisi a nostris prædecessoribus temporibus eorum, et a nobis nostro tempore, petita licentia et optenta, non est nostræ intentionis quod dicta vestra admissio subsistere debeat, contra morem antiquum in præjudicium nostrum facta. Unde, nobis inhibemus ne in hac parte aliquid ulterius in nostri præjudicium attemptetis, vel faciatis aliqualiter attemptari. Ad cetera in litteris vestris contenta nobis respondebimus cum plenius de-

liberavimus super eis. Et quid super hiis duxeritis faciendum, nobis, infra octo dies a tempore receptionis præsentium, rescribatis per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Lamhutht ix^no^ Kalendas Augusti, anno Domini M^mo^CCC^mo^XXXVIJ^o^, et nostræ translationis quarto.

bishop for the time being.

631.—Certificatorium super hiis litteris. 4 Aug. 1337.

L. 68 *a*.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino suo reverendo, Domino J. Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ Primati, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legato, suus humilis et devotus Ricardus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam tam debitam quam devotam, cum omni reverentia et honore. Litteras paternitatis vestræ reverendæ recepi secundo die Augusti tenorem qui sequitur continentes: *Joannes permissione, etc. ut supra.* Inspectis, pater reverende, hiis litteris vestris per me, necnon diligentius intellectis, vobis humiliter intimo per hæc scripta, quod nichil in vestri præjudicium attemptabo, vel faciam aliqualiter attemptari, nec feci temporibus retroactis. Et hoc vobis, si placet, manifestius apparebit per litteras vestri Capituli vobis missas. Valeat in Christo vestra paternitas reverenda. Data Cantuariæ iiij^to^ die mensis Augusti, anno Domini supradicto.

The Prior (alone) professes submission to the Archbishop in the matter of the admission of monks.

632.—Littera per Priorem et Capitulum directa eidem Domino Archiepiscopo pro negotio supradicto. 4 Aug. 1337.

L. 68 *a*

Venerabili in Christo patri, etc. devoti filii R. Prior et Capitulum, etc. Pater et domine reverende, nos dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Edmundum de Chymbeham et Willelmum de Hethe ad ordinem et habitum nostrum nuper admisimus,

The Prior and Chapter combined assert their right to admit any monks they please,

but they confess that these should *quando commode fieri potuerit* be first presented to the Archbishop, which is all the Archbishop requires.

et plures admittere intendimus in augmentum cultus divini. Et quia super hujusmodi admissione aliquid audivistis, prout intelleximus, quod est contrarium veritati, vobis scribimus, unanimiter et veraciter affirmantes quod, de antiqua consuetudine nobis [1] hactenus observata, ad Priorem et Capitulum ecclesiæ vestræ supradictæ pertinet clericos ydoneos ad habitum et ordinum regularem in eadem Ecclesia Cantuariensi admittere, quandocumque viderint expedire; et, ut sic faciant, a Domino Archiepiscopo qui pro tempore fuerit licentiam petere non tenentur. Advertere etiam dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod ad vos pertinet, et ad quemlibet Archiepiscopum qui pro tempore fuerit, clericos ut prædicitur admissos, antequam habitum recipiant regularem, quando commode fieri potuerit, intueri, et ipsos sine difficultate quacunque benignis affectibus acceptare, et acceptationem vestram in hac parte Priori qui pro tempore fuerit, per verba seu litteras, intimare. Hæc in nostris registris antiquis totaliter continentur. Adhuc pater reverende, mittimus ad vos dilectum confratrem nostrum Jacobum de Oxene, præsentium portitorem, cui credere velitis super hiis quæ vobis ex parte nostra dixerit seu vos rogaverit ista vice. Vestra paternitas reverenda valeat in Christo, qui multiplicet dies vestros. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro iiij^to^ die mensis Augusti.

20 Sept. 1337.

L. 68 *b*.

633.—Littera directa Domino J. Archiepiscopo per Priorem et Capitulum super præsentatione personarum receptarum per eosdem ad nostrum ordinem.

In consequence of the understanding

Venerabili in Christo patri, etc.. Pater et domine reverende, quia ad Dominum Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem qui pro tempore fuerit pertinet videre

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[1] *nos*, MS.

personas ad nostrum ordinem, per nos in eadem ecclesia vestra, admissas, antequam habitibus regularibus induantur, idcirco nos, per dilectum confratrem nostrum Thomam de Bourne, præsentamus vobis Magistros Edmundum de Chymbeham, et Johannem Body, Dominum Thomam de Bockyng Capellanum, et Willelmum de Heth, ad nostrum ordinem, ut prædicitur, receptos, ut eosdem, prout ad vos pertinere dinoscitur, videatis. In Christo valeat, etc. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro xx^mo^ die Septembris, anno Domini M^o^CCC^mo^XXXVIJ^o^.

mentioned in the last letter the Chapter present to the Archbishop four persons already professed as monks.

634.—LITTERA DIRECTA EIDEM PER PRIOREM SUPER HUJUSMODI PRÆSENTATIONE.

24 Sept. (1337).

L. 68 *b*.

Obedientiam, etc. Pater et domine reverende, dilectus frater meus Thomas de Bourne, ex parte vestri Capituli et mei, nuper vobis præsentavit iiij^or^ personas ad nostrum ordinem, in ecclesia vestra Cantuariensi, per nos admissos, ut easdem videretis juxta morem; sed quia prædictus Frater Thomas super hujusmodi præsentatione facienda vobis litteras vestri Capituli nullatenus ostendebat, prædicta præsentatio, ut audivi, vobis aliqualiter displicebat. Pro hac materia advertere velitis, si placet, quod fratres mei seniores michi dicunt expresse, quod ad nostrum ordinem per nos recepti, de quibus idem vestrum Capitulum alias seriosius vobis scripsit, Domino Archiepiscopo qui pro tempore fuerit, ut eosdem receptos videat, debent præsentari per unum de confratribus vestri Capituli; et hoc fieri consuevit sine litteris quibuscunque. Verumptamen, ut vestrum præfatum Capitulum et ego vobis displicere minime videamur, mittimus vobis litteras sigillo nostro communi signatas, quas a prædicto fratre nostro Thoma de Bourne nuper exegistis, et eidem Fratri Thomæ præcepistis ut per unum de nostris vobis in brevi hujusmodi litteræ mitterentur.

The Archbishop has again complained of an informality in the manner in which the new monks were presented to him, and the Prior sends a messenger to convey formal letters of presentation, sealed with the common seal, such as the Archbishop demanded.

In Christo valeat meus pater. Scriptum Cantuariæ xxiiijto die Septembris.

27 Sept. (1337).
L. 68 *b*.

635.—LITTERA DIRECTA EPISCOPO ROFFENSI PRO PERSONA YDONEA PRÆSENTANDA AD VICARIAM DE WESTERHAM.

The Bishop of Rochester is asked to nominate a vicar to the Church of Westerham (appropriated to Christ Church). This nomination he does not claim as a right, but the Chapter, hearing that he has a good candidate, are willing to accept him.

Reverentiam et honorem. Pater reverende, de vestris gratuitis beneficiis nobis et nostræ ecclesiæ per vos frequenter impensis vobis multiplices gratiarum referimus actiones, vestræ reverendæ paternitati corditer supplicantes, quatinus illam personam ydoneam, de qua pro vicaria ecclesiæ nostræ de Westerham per unum de vestris, prout scitis, tetigistis fratri nostro Thomæ de Bourne, nobis quamcitius potueritis mittere velitis, si placet; advertere volentes, quod per hujusmodi missionem vos et nos Deo placebimus, ut speramus, necnon parochianis ecclesiæ de Westerham supradictæ; quia nobis aliquem non mittetis pro ejusdem ecclesiæ vicaria nisi talem qui Deo pro eodem beneficio, secundum vestram conscienciam, est acceptus. In Christo valeat salus vestra. Remittere dignemini super præmissis voluntatem vestram præsentium per latorem. Scriptum Cantuariæ xxvjo die Septembris, sub sigillo nostro privato.

De eadem vicaria memorandum: quod Johannes Charman de Westerham nos rogavit pro capellano suo, nomine Leghat, ut nos eundem præsentaremus ad vicariam ecclesiæ nostræ de Westerham; et respondimus sic roganti, quod Dominus Roffensis Episcopus, cui multum tenemur, nos prius rogavit pro eadem vicaria, ut nos ad eandem unum ydoneum de suis præsentaremus; et nisi eidem episcopo annueremus in hac parte nos tamquam ingratum[1] posset rationabiliter reputare. Et idcirco prædictum J. Charman rogavimus litteratorie, quod nos haberet hac vice excusatos, super suis precibus, pro dicta vicaria nobis per eum infusis, nullatenus, videlicet, exauditis.

[1] *ingratum*, sc. *Priorem*.

636.—Littera missa Fratri Thomæ de Bourne pro vicaria de Westerham.

24 Sept. 1337.

L. 69 *a*.

A Chaplain of the Bishop of Rochester urges the Chapter to present a vicar to Westerham at once. He says that an influential inhabitant of Westerham boasts that the Chapter have promised the vicarage to his chaplain if he can only get testimonials, but the Bishop's chaplain makes it plain that he disapproves of the parishioner and of the proposed vicar.

Obsequii promptitudinem pariter et honoris. Domine karissime, si nuntium domini mei Roffensis Episcopi Dominis Priori et Capitulo Ecclesiæ vestræ, per vos pro negotio Domini Georgii de Netlestede capellani directum, ipsis dominis Priori et Capitulo exposuistis, et quale responsum reportastis, placet discretioni vestræ ipsum dominum meum vel me litteratorie, per hunc bajulum, certiorare. Et quia successu temporis verisimiliter habebitis preces multiplicatas, forsitan pro indignis, placeret Domino quod, ex quo ad tantam curam et majorem personæ ydoneæ nominationem, caritatis intuitu, quam forsan in toto diœcesi digniorem inveneritis, accepistis, in præsentationis negotio sine moræ dispendio procederitis; scire volentes, quod hac die Mercurii post festum Sancti Matthei Apostoli accessit ad Dominum quidam Johannes Chareman de parochia de Westerham, asserens Dominum Priorem vestrum sibi promisisse quod si Dominus Johannes Cardinal, capellanus ipsius Johannis Chareman, litteras conversationis suæ commendabiles a Domino posset optinere, præsentaretur per ipsum et Capitulum ad vicariam de qua Dominus fecit vobis mentionem. Verum quia dicta persona mirabiliter super multis insolentiis in visitatione delatis extitit diffamata, quæ quidem diffamationis materia nondum est sedata, respondit Dominus quod nec litteras conversationis honestæ sibi concederet, nec eum, aut alium nisi valde ydoneum et honestum, ad tantam curam admitteret etiam præsentatum. Hiis itaque et aliis circumstantiis, quæ poterunt emergere sub vestræ discretionis examine, ponderatis, id velitis exequi quod inspiraverit gratia Spiritus Sancti, quæ vos dirigat et conservet cum prosperitate longæva et felici. Scriptum

apud Hallyng hac die Veneris proxima post festum Sancti supradicti.

27 Sept. 1337.

L. 69 *a.*

636*a*.—Littera Domini Archiepiscopi responsalis literæ quæ est in folio præcedente super præsentatione personarum, etc.

The Archbishop, still unsatisfied with the pretended submission of the Chapter in the matter of the admission of monks, tells the Chapter that he is coming to settle the dispute in person.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus, dilectis in Christo filiis Priori et Conventui Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Litteras vestras affectione recepimus consueta, et plene intelleximus continentia earundem. Verum, quia in eisdem vestris litteris continetur quod illa quæ ad nos et successores nostros credimus pertinere, sicut mos decuit temporis retroacti, ad vos prætenditis spectare debere; ac bene informati, juri vestro nollentes aliqualiter derogare sed potius vos in illo favorabiliter confovere, nec de facili credere possumus quod scienter aliquid attemptare velletis in præjudicium juris nostri, optantes quod ex deliberatione concordi uterque nostrum habeat quod est suum; post istum tractatum Londoniæ faciendum, cui nos oportet, omissis aliis, interesse, sicut forsitan audivistis, intendimus ad vos quamcitius potuerimus personaliter declinare; ut tam super præmissis, quam aliis tractemus vobiscum, et fiat ulterius quod decet ac expedit, omnibus ponderatis. Et interim caritatem ac patientiam habeatis. Ad sanctæ religionis augmentum et vestrarum animarum salutem feliciter in Domino valeatis. Datum apud Lamhuth xxvij^mo^ die Septembris, anno Domini millesimo ccc^mo^ tricesimo septimo, et translationis nostræ quarto.

637.—LITTERA SI FRUCTUS ECCLESIÆ DE WESTERHAM SINT NOSTRI POST MORTEM RECTORIS R. DE HAUTE.

29 Sept. 1337.
L. 69 *a*.

A counsel gives his opinion as to the ownership of the tithes of Westerham collected by the late Rector.

Reverentiæ debitum cum honore. Sciatis, Domine reverende, quod habui colloquium cum Officiali Curiæ Cantuariensis et aliis de consilio vestro Londoniæ existentibus, de fructibus ecclesiæ vestræ de Westerham. Qui dicunt quod non videtur eis quod ad vos pertinere debeant ista vice, quia aut Magister Ricardus fuit verus Rector dum vixit, et tunc non est dubium quin colligendo fecerat fructus suos; aut non fuit rector dum vixit sed vos, et tunc, ex quo tenuit eam a vobis pro certa annua pensione, dato quod fuisset verus firmarius ad ipsum pertinere deberunt per ipsum fructus collecti, et ad vos pensio supradicta. Verius tamen credunt quod fuit verus rector; quia, licet pensionem hujusmodi concesserat, non præsumitur quod hoc fecerat ad excludendum seipsum a jure quod in ecclesia optinebat; sed potius, ut, per possessionem quam prætextu pensionis hujusmodi habebatis, ipsam ecclesiam post mortem suam possetis liberius adipisci. Dicunt etiam quod nec illa constitutio, quæ loquitur de divisione fructuum inter rectorem defunctum et successorem ejusdem, in casu proposito habet locum; quia loquitur de tali successore qui tenetur ecclesiæ onera supportare et tamen nichil percipiat infra annum; quo casu provisum est per constitutionem prædictam ut talis successor residuum habeat sine taxa. Sed ita non est in casu isto, quia non estis cura hujusmodi onorati et tamen percipere debetis fructus integros infra annum. In prosperitate votiva vos custodiat pacis auctor. Scripta die Lunæ in festo Beati Michaelis per suum J. qui hæc scribit.

30 Sept. 1337.

L. 183 *b*.

638.—Super arestacione præpositi de Ickham et Adesham.

The Auditors of Christ Church, finding one of their bailiffs in arrear at the examination of his accounts, arrest him, and hand him over to the Sheriff of Kent, to be imprisoned in the county gaol.

Viro venerabili et discreto Domino W. Moraunt Vicecomiti Kanciæ sui si placet W. le Hwyte et R. de Derteford auditores compoti Johannis Hereland, per Priorem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Conventum deputati, salutem, etc. Quia prædictus Johannes venit coram nobis apud Cantuariam, die Dominica in vigilia Sancti Michaelis, anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu xj^mo^, et redditit compotum suum de tempore quo fuit ballivus ipsorum Prioris et Conventus, de maneriis suis de Icham et Adesham, et exitibus inde provenientibus; et omnibus allocandis allocatis eidem, idem Johannes remansit in arreragio de claro, erga dictos Priorem et Conventum, de xxxij. libris, vij. solidis, uno denario, et obolo, et ea de causa, super eodem compoto per nos extitit arestatus. Quare vobis eundem Johannem, taliter arestatum, mittimus, supplicantes ut eum in custodiam vestram in Castrum Cantuariense recipiatis, secundum formam statuti inde provisi, ibidem custodiendum. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras notras vobis fieri fecimus patentes. Data Cantuariæ die Martis in crastino Sancti Michaelis anno supradicto.

6 Oct. 1337.

L. 69 *a*.

639.—Littera directa Fratribus Thomæ de Bourne et J. Oxene pro sequestratione fructuum ecclesiæ de Westerham.

The Chapter instruct their brethren who have the matter of Westerham in charge that it will be well to

Salutem in Christo. Recepimus vestras litteras nobis missas. Et quoad emptionem fructuum, de quibus fecistis in eisdem litteris mentionem, sic proponimus ordinare quod per nos vel unum de nostris fiet emptio, ut scripsistis. Et quia probabiliter credimus esse verum quod plures sunt defectus, tam in cancello ecclesiæ nostræ et capellæ eidem annexæ

quam domibus, libris, et ornamentis earundem, quæ magna reparatione indigere noscuntur, quæ quidem reparatio ad Magistrum Ricardum de Haute, ultimo rectorem ejusdem, pertinere deberent; hac de causa, et aliis nos in hac parte tangentibus, per nostrum consilium excitati, volumus quod ad Episcopum Roffensem, sine mora, personaliter accedatis, vel unus vestrum accedat, ex parte nostra supplicantes eidem, quatinus sequestrum in fructibus ibidem existentibus interponi faciat cum effectu, donec discussum fuerit quid fieri de jure debeat in hac parte. Ad quod quidem sequestrum interponendum facilius moveri debet, eo quod ad instantiam executoris dicti Magistri Ricardi alias, ut est dictum, nobis ignorantibus, sequestrum apponi fecerat in eisdem. Valete, scientes quod in confectione præsentium cum dilecto nostro J. Charman colloquium habuimus in privatis, super quibusdam quæ nobis scribere decrevistis; et ipse, sui gratia ut nobis videtur, erit in quantum in ipso est in nostris agendis noster diligens coadjutor, et hoc seriosius vobis dicet si in itinere vobis valuerit obviare. Scriptum Cantuariæ vj^to die Octobris sero sub nostro sigillo privato.

induce the Bishop of Rochester to sequestrate the profits of the benefice (just lapsed to them) until a vicar is appointed. The inhabitant of Westerham who has a candidate for the vicarage is shown to be on terms of close intimacy with the Chapter.

640.—LITTERA MISSA FRATRI DOMINO T. DE BOURNE, QUÆ CONCERNIT PERSONAM PRÆSENTANDAM AD VICARIAM ECCLESIÆ NOSTRÆ DE WESTERHAM, AC ETIAM ALIA PERTINENTIA AD EANDEM ECCLESIAM.

(Oct. 1337.)

L. 69 *b*.

Reverentiam et honorem. Scire velitis vestra discretio, quod inquisitio, super vacatione vicariæ ecclesiæ vestræ de Westerham et aliis articulis concernentibus præsentationem vestram, fiet apud Mallyng, die Martis proximo post festum Sancti Lucæ Evangelistæ.[1] Unde videtur expediens, et quasi necessarium, quod habeatis tunc ibidem aliquem procuratorem ydoneum et

A Chaplain of the Bishop of Rochester (?) friendly to Christ Church advises the Prior as to the best

[1] 18th October.

way of getting the dilapidations at Westerham paid for out of the profits of the rectory left by the late rector.

discretum, una cum munimentis vestris tangentibus patronatum, appropriationem, inductionem, mortem rectoris ultimi, et alia jura quæ habetis in ecclesia prædicta, pro informatione inquisitionis antedictæ. Et ego ero præsens ibidem, Deo dante. Super eo quod litteram Domini mei, ad (in)quirendum super defectibus inventibus in ecclesia et rectoria prædictis, Officiali Roffensi directam, ipsi Officiali nondum adhuc præsentastis, non modicum admiror; maxime cum facilius habere poteritis remedium contra executores, pro dictis defectibus reparandis, dum fructus extant in horreis, quam ipsis distractis vel translatis in dominium layicorum, cujus causa non latet consilium vestrum, et ego, per experientiam facti, multam super hoc vidi brigam. Unde, ad cautelam habundantem, si forte volueritis prosequi inquisitionem defectuum prædictorum in isto adventu procuratoris vestri juxta condictum, mitto vobis litteras Domini mei directas Officiali Domini Archidiaconi Cantuariensis, ad præmuniendum executores testamenti Magistri de Haute quod intersint inquisitioni prædictæ, die et loco per vos sibi intimandis, si eis videbitur expedire, sicut ex forma litterarum quas a proposito feci patentes poteritis intueri. Et poteritis eis intimare quod dicta inquisitio defectuum fiet, apud Westerham die Jovis proximo post festum Sancti Lucæ prædictum, et apud Edulwesbrigg eodem die vel die Veneris subsequente; sic enim erga Officialem Archidiaconi Roffensis fieri præcavi, ad parcendum vestris laboribus et expensis. Expediret etiam quod dictus procurator vester eodem contextu assignare posset vicario instituendo aream pro manso suo, quam assignationem oportet Capitulum vestrum postea confirmare. Si velitis ita nunc prosequi, deferat procurator vester secum, pro commodo vestro, unum certificatorium Officialis Archidiaconi Cantuariensis super præmunitione executorum per eum facta, et sit dictum certificatorium bene conceptum

secundum consilium vestrum. Si autem præmissa volueritis diutius prorogari non displicet mihi, sed hoc si placet per hunc bajulum vellem mihi litteratorie nuntiari. Domine, poteritis intimare executoribus prædictis, si qui vobis noti fuerint, quod quia non constat Domino meo an dictus rector decessit intestatus, eo quod nullum testamentum ejus adhuc extitit ipsi Domino meo insinuatum, sequestrari fecit omnia bona quæ dictus Rector habuit in rectoria prædicta; et dicitur quod blada valent iiij.^{xx} et x. marcas et plus; verum consulatis dictis executoribus quod veniant insinuare et probare dictum testamentum, si quod fuerit, coram Domino meo juxta morem. Omni modo sciat procurator vester informare inquisitionem de die quo rector obiit, et quibus die et loco sepultus fuit, et, si habeantur aliquæ evidentiæ de præsentatione et institutione sua, deferat eas secum. Hæc omnia si libeat communicare poteritis cum Domino meo Priore vestro. Felicissime valeatis in Christo.

Ratione hujus litteræ proxime præscriptæ, scripsimus Officiali Domini Archidiaconi Cantuariensis, ut ipse præmunire vellet, juxta mandatum Episcopi Roffensis sibi directum, executores testamenti Magistri Ricardi de Haute, videlicet, J. de Walemere, Henricum le Haute, et Johannem Doul, quod intersint inquisitioni de qua superius in littera proxime præscripta fit mentio, una cum certis diebus et locis in eadem littera contentis. Scripsimus etiam Officiali Domini Archidiaconi Roffensis, ut ipse exequeretur mandatum Domini Episcopi Roffensis per nos sibi transmissum, continens ut per illum Officialem fieret inquisitio, super defectibus cancellorum necnon rerum aliarum pertinentium ad rectoriam parochialis ecclesiæ de Westerham et capellæ eidem annexæ.

641.—Litteræ submissionis factæ Domino J. Archiepiscopo per Priorem et Conventum pro causa Dovoriæ. 2 Nov. 1337. S.B. A 147. Z. D 4, 22.

Noverint universi, quod cum inter Priorem et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis petitores ex parte In the dispute pending be-

tween the Chapter of Canterbury and the dependent monastery of St. Martin of Dover, the Chapter of Canterbury undertake to abide by the award of the Archbishop.

una, et monachos Monasterii Beati Martini de Dovoria ex altera, super jure subjectionis ejusdem Monasterii Beati Martini, modo assumendi Priorem ad regimen ejusdem Monasterii, præficiendi Suppriorem, recipiendi novicios ac etiam professionem monachorum ejusdem Monasterii, necnon etiam super jure correctionis in dictos monachos Beati Martini per Priorem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis exercendæ, multiplex orta fuerit materia questionis; nos Ricardus Prior dictæ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ et ejusdem Ecclesiæ Capitulum, considerantes reverendi patris nostri et domini Domini Johannis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi providenciam circumspectam, et affectionem qua subditos suos gerit in visceribus caritatis, nos ejusdem patris ordinacioni et diffinicioni, quo ad omnia supradicta et circumstancias eorundem, submittimus, jure Ecclesiæ nostræ salvo; supplicantes humiliter ipsi patri, ut, ad ipsius Domini nostri Jhesu Christi honorem, sic super præmissis ordinare dignetur, quod sponsæ suæ justicia conservetur. Promittimus autem nos Ricardus Prior et Capitulum prædicti, quod quicquid dictus pater ordinaverit in præmissis ratum servabimus atque firmum. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro, vicesimo secundo die mensis Novembris, anno Domini M°CCC° tricesimo septimo.

Pro ista littera proximo præscripta nichil fecit Dominus J. Archiepiscopus, unde totaliter vacavit et vacat.[1]

Jan. 1338.

L. 197 *a*.

642.

The Abbot of Faversham, as collector of a clerical tenth, having ex-

Universis, etc. quod nos Johannes permissione divina Abbas Monasterii de Faversham, per venerabilem patrem Johannem Dei gratia Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum, etc. decimæ triennalis omnium bonorum et beneficiorum ecclesiasticorum in civitate et diœcesi

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[1] This note occurs at the foot of the letter in the Register D 4, but not in A 147.

Cantuariensibus, ac decanatibus exemptis immediatæ jurisdictionis venerabilis patris prædicti, existentium, per prælatos et clerum Cantuariensis provinciæ Domino Regi concessæ, collector deputatus; quascumque sententias excommunicationis, suspensionis, vel interdicti, per nos nuper provide latas contra non solventes dictam decimam, vel partem ejusdem, certis terminis assignatis, quatenus Dominos Priorem et Conventum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et Ecclesiam ipsam concernunt, relaxamus ex causa, et penitus revocamus. In cujus rei, etc. Datum apud Faversham die Martis proximo post festum Conversionis Sancti Pauli anno Domini M°CCC°XXXVIJ°.

communicated all who have not paid their instalments by a certain term, absolves the Chapter of Christ Church from the sentence, they having been included in the general terms of the fulmination.

643.—LITTERA PRIORIS ROFFENSIS SUPER SENTENTIA LATA IN NON SOLVENTES DECIMAM BIENNALEM DOMINO REGI CONCESSAM.

12 Feb. 1338.

L. 199 *a*.

Reverentias et honores. Quo ad procurationes Dominorum Cardinalium solvendas, nullus adhuc pœnam alicujus censuræ incurrit, nec incurret infra istos octo dies. Et licet nos illam sententiam revocaremus jam latam, hujusmodi revocatio modicum valeret, pro eo quod Cardinales monuerunt, et quodammodo sententias aggravarunt. Scire etiam velitis vestra dominatio reverenda, quod in hiis quæ vestro possent statui derogare vos libentissime præmunirem. Et iterato vestræ paternitati significo, quod quidam de vestris nuper jactabat, quoad decimam biennalem Domino nostro Regi concessam pro hiis quæ habetis in jurisdictionibus exemptis nichil solvistis, et, salvo judicio saniori, sic jactans dixit minus discrete, quia non est dubium quin in non solventes sint latæ sententiæ satis graves. Vestram dominationem reverendam diu conservet Dominus Jhesus Christus. Scriptum

The Prior of Rochester, collector of both a King's tenth and of a Cardinal's procurations, writes to re-assure him, the Prior of Canterbury, in the former case, but to warn him in the latter.

apud Roffam die Jovis proximo post festum Sanctæ Scolasticæ.

Hanc litteram recepit Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis die Veneris proximo ante festum Sancti Valentini, anno Domini M°CCC°VIJ., circiter horam primam ejusdem diei. Prior Cantuariensis scripsit Priori Roffensi pro contentis in littera proxima notata, et respondit Prior Roffensis Priori Cantuariensi in hac forma.

27 Dec. (1337).

L. 70 *a*.

644.—Littera missa Priori per Dominum Archiepiscopum pro procuratione Dominorum Cardinalium.

The Archbishop advises the Prior to examine the Conventual Registers in order to ascertain what sums were used to be paid from the Monastery to Papal Nuntii.

Amice carissime, Domini Cardinales, nunc in Anglia existentes, habent potestatem a Domino nostro Papa ita amplam, procurationem recipiendi pro mora eorum in Anglia, sicut alii Cardinales antea receperunt. Verum, quia nescimus quid in casu hujusmodi solvere solebatis, scrutemini registra vestra, et nobis distincte mittatis summas majores et minores, et pro quanto tempore, pro Cardinalium procuratione solvistis temporibus retroactis; ut cum ipsa procuratio fuerit exigenda, sicut exigetur in brevi, certum et verum, ad vestram et nostram onerationem, habeamus responsum. Super hiis nos autem celeriter certificare curetis. Semper in Domino valeatis. Scriptum apud Otteford sub nostro sigillo privato, xxvij° die Decembris.

4 Jan. (1338).

L. 70 *a*.

645.—Littera responsalis litteræ proxime præscriptæ super procuratione diversorum Cardinalium in Anglia missorum.

The Prior on enquiry finds that Cardinal Ottobuoni received two pence in the mark of

Obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem. Pater reverende, nuper recepi litteras vestras, et ratione mandati vestri contenti in eisdem vobis, si placet, rescribo: quod tempore prædecessorum meorum, Priorum Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis, videlicet, Thomæ et Henrici, Domini Cardinales Albanensis et Penestrinus, in

Angliam per Dominum Papam missi, receperunt, pro eorum procuratione concernente monasterium Ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ, tantummodo viij. libras sterlingorum. Postea, Magister Petrus de Ispania, Sabynensis Episcopus Cardinalis, in Angliam missus, exigebat, ut a fratribus meis senioribus intellexi, a singulis ecclesiis cathedralibus, conventualibus, et prioratibus xij. marcas, et ab ecclesiis parochialibus in usus proprios non concessis iiij. denarios de singulis marcis. Et propter exactionem hujusmodi fuit a Clero Angliæ appellatum, et consequenter, per consilium Domini Regis, diffinitum, quod ipse Dominus Petrus Sabynensis non plus reciperet, pro sua procuratione, quam recepit Ottobonus Cardinalis, qui non plus recepit quam duos denarios de marca. Postmodum Dominus Cardinalis Alb(anensis) in Anglia missus recepit a Monasterio vestro prædicto, pro sua procuratione, tantummodo viij. libras. Et Dominis Cardinalibus Gauselino et Luca de Flysco in Angliam missis solvit, pro eorum procuratione, monasterium vestræ prædictæ Ecclesiæ viij. libras. Super mora vero, per Cardinales prædictos in Anglia facta, distinctas evidentias non inveni; licet pro eisdem habendis, prout potui, laboravi. Valeat in Christo meus pater. Scriptum Cantuariæ iiij^to^ die Januarii.

ecclesiastical incomes, which he thinks a sufficient tax, although other Nuntii have exacted more.

646.—Littera missa Domino Cicestrensi excusatoria super vacatione ecclesiæ de Aldermarichirch in Londonia.

29 Jan. (1338).
L. 70 *b*.

Reverentiam cum honore. Pater reverende, recepimus litteras vestras xxviij^vo^ die Januarii apud Cantuariam, quibus per nos intellectis, vobis, si placet, remittimus per hæc scripta, quod nos una cum Conventu nostro habemus multos provisores a Domino Papa qui nunc est nobis transmissos, quorum bullas et processus acceptavimus bono modo; et eisdem

The Prior is obliged to decline to prefer to the rectory of Aldermarichurch a clerk recom-

mended by Bishop Stratford of Chichester; he having many papal *provisions* still unsatisfied.

provisoribus non est adhuc per nos et nostrum Conventum, juxta exigentiam suarum bullarum, provisum. Et quia in suis processibus continetur, sub pœna excommunicationis necnon aliarum multiplicium censurarum, ne infra mensem a tempore vacationis beneficii inchoantis aliquem presentemus, non possumus, ut vellemus, illum pro quo nobis misistis vestras litteras præsentare, videlicet, ista vice. Propter quod, si placet, nos, votis vestris, nobis per hujusmodi litteras vestras expressis, annuere non valentes, habere dignemini excusatos. In Christo Jesu valeat salus vestra. Scripta Cantuariæ xxix^{no} die Januarii sub nostro sigillo privato.

8 Feb. (1338).

L. 70 *b*.

647.—Littera missa Domino J. Archiepiscopo pro relaxatione interdicti facienda viris de Romenal.

The Prior intercedes with the Archbishop for the men of Romney, whose town has been put under interdict.

Obedientiam, etc. Pater et Domine reverende, memoriter retinetis qualiter ecclesiæ villæ vestræ de Romenal, ex culpa minime vos latente, sunt suppositæ interdicto. Et quia, prout scitis, Deus humilibus dat gratiæ incrementum, quidam boni viri villæ vestræ prædictæ, immunes a dicta culpa ut dicunt, hujusmodi interdictum humiliter servaverunt, ut vobis in hac parte displicere nullatenus viderentur; propter quod paternitati vestræ supplico reverenter, quatinus si prædicti viri ratione interdicti ad vos accesserint memorati, cum humilitatis bono spiritu et devoto, volentes a vobis gratiam postulare, velitis eisdem, prout valueritis, bono modo sinum misericordiæ aperire. Spero enim firmiter quod de cetero ibidem similia, quod absit, perpetrare volentibus totis viribus obviabunt. Valeat meus pater in Christo, qui est humilibus specialiter gratiosus. Scripta Cantuariæ viij^{vo} die Februarii.[1]

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[1] This date appears to be wrongly written, for, as the following letter shows, the interdict was not pronounced until Feb. 19.

648.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO PRIORI PER MAGISTRUM N. DE TARENTA. Jan. (1338). L. 70 *a*.

Obsequium quod poterit tam remotus. Lætatus sum in hiis quæ dicta sunt mihi, quia jam est adjutorium simile vobis factum; ille videlicet qui transactis temporibus vos dilexit, et vos jam, ut spero, in caritate, per Dei gratiam, supportabit, et sic, ut spero, alii vos unanimiter subsequentur, ut sit consonantia vobis dulcis; unde multipliciter obligamur ad referendum Deo gratiarum sedulas actiones, qui, sicut credo, vos visitavit ex alto, ut apud vos pateat via pacis. Ad quod solidius observandum oportet motus voluntarios cohibere, et communicatis consiliis adhærere. Circa quod Thomæ martyris gloriosi dignemini recordari, qui ad discernendum propria facta sua insufficientes proprios oculos indicavit, et propter hoc adhibuit alienos, adjiciens quod "circumspectius quatuor oculi vident quam duo." Michi non rescripsit vestra, si dicere audeam, gravis manus, ubi, sicut spero, benevolentia non defecit. Paratus sum pro viribus si quid possim. Sit Dominus vobis consiliarius et protector. Scriptum Lyncolniæ die Dominica post festum Epiphaniæ.

A legal adviser of the Prior seems to have given him advice, in studiously obscure words, relating to some discord in the Convent.

Suus humilis N. de Tharenta.

649.—LITTERA RESPONSALIS AD LITTERAM MAGISTRI N. DE TARENTA. 30 Jan. (1338). L. 70 *b*.

Salutem in Domino qui est auctor, ut credimus, veræ pacis, et nos, prout nobis scribere voluistis, misericorditer visitavit, in tantum quod signanter dicere possumus cum propheta—utinam devote: *Benedictus Dominus qui mirificavit misericordiam suam mihi.* Et quo ad motus voluntarios reprimendos, necnon alia quæ scripsistis, juxta vestrum consilium nos, ut proponimus, per Dei adjutorium, faciemus. Et advertere velit vestra amicitia dilecta, quod in

The Prior's answer to the preceding letter.

Gen. 19, 19.

instanti tempore habemus spem firmam, quod inter nos et fratres bonæ pacis et quietis unitas inchoata continuabit feliciter, Deo dante. Aliter vero, quod absit,
Ps. 44, 73. dicere poterimus cum propheta: *facti sumus opprobrium vicinis nostris, subsannatio et illusio hiis qui in circuitu nostro sunt.* Valete in Christo, qui vos custodiat in salute prospera et felici. Et vos salutat noster Supprior R. Hathbrand, qui, ut suspicamur vos scire, nostri oneris est occasio aliqualis, propter quod Deus, ut voluit, disponebat ut ipse in nostro onere nos supportet. Scripta Cantuariæ, penultimo die Januarii, sub nostro sigillo privato.

13 Feb. 1338.

L. 71 *a*.

650.—Copia litteræ Domini Regis pro molendino nostro de Borle in statu debito sustinendo.

The Convent of Bury St. Edmund's have diverted a water-course, causing the mill of the Chapter of Christ Church at Borley to stand still. By this writ of privy seal the King requires them to atone for their trespass.

Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, Seigneur Dirlande, et Ducs Daquitaine, as nos chers en Dieu Abbe et Covent de Saint Edmond, saluz. Parceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe vous avez fait faire bestourner le droiterel cours de leawe qi va au Molyn de Borle, qest as noz chers en Dieu Priour et Capitre de la Eglise de la Sainte Trinite de Canterbirs, par cause de un molyn quel vous biez faire de novel juxte le dit molyn de Borle, en prejudice et grant damage de nous, le Priour et Capitre, et de lour eglise avantditz; vous mandoms qe, cessantes totes excusacions et mals engyns, facez faire hastive redreseement as ditz Priour et Capitre des pertes et damages queux ils ount soeffert en celle partie; et sursein deshormeis de tiele chose comencer et faire, en prejudice de nous, et les ditz Priour et Capitre, ou de lour eglise; issint qils neyent mestier de soi pleindre autrefoiz de vous. Et ce ne lessez en nulle manere. Donez souz nostre prive seal a Westmostier le xiij. jour de Feverer lan de nostre regne duzisme.

651.—COPIA LITTERÆ DOMINI J. ARCHIEPISCOPI DE EADEM MATERIA PROXIMA PRÆSCRIPTA.

15 Feb. (1338). L. 71 *a*.

Carissime, cum non solum quod malum esse dinoscitur sed etiam omne quod speciem habet mali sit a personis, maxime religiosis, evitandum; vosque molendinum quoddam apud Borle nitamini, ut accepimus, de novo construere, ac ea occasione cursum aquæ cujusdam molendini aquatici quod dilecti filii Prior et Capitulum nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ de Domino nostro Rege Angliæ illustri tenent subvertere, in juris injuriam, ac ipsius Domini Regis dictorumque Prioris et Capituli præjudicium manifestum; rogamus ut quicquid per vos in hac parte factum est sic studeatis cautius revocare, quod in vestræ religionis opprobrium non redundet, nec cuiquam afferat nocumentum; sciturі quod dictis Priori et Capitulo in sua justitia deesse nolumus nec valemus. In Christo semper valeatis. Scriptum apud Lamuth sub nostro privato sigillo, quintodecimo die Februarii.

An appeal to the Convent of Bury made by the Archbishop on the same subject as the preceding writ of privy seal, in terms so nearly resembling those of the writ that this appeal will serve as a translation of the latter.

652.—LITTERA DOMINI J. ARCHIEPISCOPI AD DENUNTIANDUM EXCOMMUNICATOS ESSE QUOSDAM HOMINES DE ROMENAL ET AD SUPPONENDUM ECCLESIASTICO INTERDICTO ECCLESIAS EJUSDEM VILLÆ.

19 Feb. 1338. L. 70 *b*.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legatus, dilectis filiis Priori Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, et Commissario nostro Cantuariensi Generali, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Horrendi sceleris flagitium notorium nostris auribus patefecit, qualiter gentes villæ nostræ de Romene, nostræ diœcesis, ecclesiæque nostræ Cantuariensis tenentes, quæ utique, tanquam filii Ecclesiæ, ejus jura et clerum præ ceteris exteris tueri deberent, sed, ut Sathanæ satellites in

Some of the men of Romney have ill used a priest, for which crime the Archbishop has excommunicated them, and closed their churches,

entrusting the execution of the sentence to Prior of Christ Church and the Commissary General of the diocese.

profundum malorum productæ, in contrarium laborantes, et clericali privilegio minime deferentes, quemdam Dominum Willelmum de Daytone, presbyterum Beatæ Mariæ Virginis dictæ villæ et in possessione presbyteratus notorie existentem, in festo Divi Thomæ Martyris gloriosi, patroni nostri, proximo jam elapso, in dicta villa, ex odii fomite, contra ipsius voluntatem ceperunt, et eum, in opprobrium totius ordinis clericalis, Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ contemptum, et divini nominis offensam, per medium dictæ villæ cum cantilenis et tripudiis inhonestis, majore parte populi dictæ villæ sequente et hujusmodi facinus approbante, per manus et brachia ignominiose traxerunt, ac per plateas et vicos, ut fieret spectaculum intueri volentibus, irreverenter duxerunt, lutumque in posteriora sua nudata viliter projecerunt, colaphis, in modum passionis Christi, indesinenter cædentes, et conspuentes in eum, ac vulnera gravia et tormenta aliaque enormia terribilia inferentes eidem. Hiisque maleficiis non contenti, eundem presbyterum extra dictam villam crudeliter occiderunt, et ipsius corpus inhumaniter, ne reperiri posset, in locum abditum projecerunt, ut sic careret ecclesiastica sepultura; ceteris de communitate ipsius villæ de Romene pro majori parte scientibus, conniventibus, et tolerantibus hæc præmissa; quos etiam, qui non ut ferirent sed ut hujusmodi malefactoribus opem ferrent si forte impedirentur per violentiam aliorum, paulo minori pœna debent multari. In canone cum sit scriptum: *Qui hominem a morte liberare potuit et non liberaverit occidit eundem:* constat eos de communitate prædicta ab homicidii reatu hujusmodi immunes non esse, qui dictis occisoribus contra alios opem præstare venerunt; nec carent scrupulo societatis occultæ qui desinebant dicto manifesto facinori obviare. Cumque malefactores prædicti, cum eorum fautoribus et complicibus consilium præbentibus auxilium vel favorem, occasione præmissorum fuerunt et sunt

excommunicationis majoris sententia, a Sanctis Patribus promulgata, ipso facto dampnabiliter involuti, in suarum grave periculum animarum, et aliorum perniciosum exemplum; nolentes tam detestabile facinus remanere impunitum, vobis et cuilibet vestrum committimus et mandamus, in virtute obedientiæ firmiter injungentes, quatinus omnes et singulos hujusmodi detestabilis maleficii patratores, cum suis complicibus et fautoribus quibuscunque consilium præbentibus auxilium vel favorem, primo, vos Prior et Commissarius, in nostra Cantuariensi Ecclesia supradicta, assumptis una vobiscum religiosis, rectoribus, vicariis, et capellanis omnibus nostræ civitatis Cantuariæ, sacris vestibus indutis sacerdotalibus condecenter, ac deinde vos Commissarius modo consimili in singulis ecclesiis nostræ diœcesis supradictae, et potissime in ecclesiis de Romene ubi hujusmodi horribile delictum fuerat perpetratum, ac etiam in omnibus et singulis ecclesiis Sandwyci, Dovorriæ, et de Heth, et aliis locis maritimis, cum major in ipsis ecclesiis fuerit populi multitudo diebus Dominicis et festivis, cruce erecta, pulsatis campanis, et candelis accensis etiam et extinctis, ac aliis solempnibus consuetis, sicut præmittitur, excommunicatos fuisse et esse, publice et solempniter in genere nuntietis et faciatis per alios nuntiari; a denuntiatione hujusmodi non cessantes donec a nobis aliud super hoc habueritis in mandatis. Verum quia dignum est ut tam nefandi ratione flagitii amplioris ultionis severitas extendatur, vobis et cuilibet vestrum, sicut prius, committimus et mandamus, quatinus villam de Romene supradictam, absque cujus conniventia et degentium in eadem tantum facinus tam publice tam notorie factum non potuit perpetrari, et ecclesias parochiales ejusdem, donec satisfactum fuerit in præmissis, ecclesiastico interdicto canonice supponatis, quas etiam villam et ecclesias ex nunc ecclesiastico supponimus interdicto.

Ad quæ omnia et singula facienda et exercenda vobis, et cuilibet vestrum, vices nostras committimus, cum cujuslibet censuræ ecclesiasticæ potestate. De prædictorum autem malefactorum nominibus et cognominibus, nostra auctoritate, etiam inquiratis. Et si quos reos inveneritis in hac parte, ipsos citetis, seu citari peremptorie faciatis quod compareant coram nobis vel Commissario nostro vicesimo die post citationem hujusmodi eis factam, si fuerit juridicus, alioquin proximo die juridico tunc sequente, ubicunque in nostris civitate diœcesi seu provincia Cantuariensibus tunc fuerimus, super hiis excessibus, quatenus

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(Mar. 1338.)

653.—LITTERA DIRECTA G. LE SCROPP PRO ATTORNATU RECORDANDO IN NEGOTIO DOVORIÆ.

L. 71 *b*.

The Lord Chief Justice is informed that certain persons are appointed attornies for Christ Church in the suit concerning the advowson of St. Martin's of Dover, and the judge's favour in the case is plainly asked for.

A honurables homs et sages Monsire G. le Scropp, Richard par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour de Esglise de Canterbires, salutz, et quant qil sciet et puist de treschers amistez. Trescher Sire, pur ceo qen le record et proces touchantz la voessoun de la Prioure de Douvre, et qe pendent devant vous par ascuns errours assignez en yceux, nous ne avoms mye attorne pour meismes les errours maintiner et pour le dit record faire reversier et le jugement de sur ceo adnullier, vous enveoms, sil vous plest, en une bille enclose de deinz cestes, les nounz de ces qe nous vouchoms saufs destre noz attornez de ceo faire; si vous requeroms molt especialment qe vous plese de les retenire et recordier pur noz attornez en la busoigne avantdite, fesantz a nous en y cele busoigne, quiele nous avoms molt tendrement al cuer, la grace et le favour qe vous pourrez bonement, solonc ley et droiture, si qe Dieux et Seint Thomas se puissent appaier, et le droit de nostre Esglise soit maintenuz et sauviez. Entendantz, Sire, adesstes,[1] qe si le cas

[1] = Ital. *adesso*?

forum concernunt ecclesiasticum, ex officio responsuri, et pœnam pro demeritis recepturi, jurique in omnibus parituri. Et quid feceritis in præmissis nos citra lapsum dictorum viginti dierum distincte et aperte certificare curetis, per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Data apud Lamhith xiiij. kalendas Februarii anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo^XXXVIJ^mo^, et nostræ translationis quarto.

Et memorandum, quod die Dominico, videlicet, die Conversionis Sancti Pauli anni prædicti, nos R. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, et Magister Thomas de Cantuaria Commissarius, incepimus exsequi in Ecclesia Cantuariensi dictum mandatum, juxta exigentiam ejusdem.

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To the honourable and wise Sir G. le Scroop, Richard by God's permission Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, and all he knows and can of true friendship. Very dear Sieur, whereas in the record and process touching the advowson of the Priory of Dover, which is pending before you in consequence of certain allegations of error therein, we have not appointed attornies for supporting those allegations, and for upsetting the record and annulling the judgment, we send you, if it please you, in a schedule enclosed within these, the names of those whom we vouchsafe to be our attornies for these purposes; and so we require you most strictly, that you will be pleased to retain them, and to enrol them as our attornies in the aforesaid business; thus doing for us, in a matter which we have most tenderly at heart, the grace and favour that you easily may according to law and right, and so that God and Saint Thomas may be able to be content, and the right of our Church may be upheld and preserved. Understanding, now, Sieur, that if the case at any

en ascunt temps puis avenier qe a vous ou as les voz nous puissoms plaire ou profitier nous serroms toutz jours prestz de ceo faire, sanz faintisse, solom nostre poair. Le Seint Esprist vous maintiegne longement en bone vie. Escript, etc.

(Mar. 1338.)

L. 71 *b*.

654.—LITTERA MISSA DOMIMO R. DE WYLEBY PRO EODEM NEGOTIO.

Another Judge of the King's Bench is addressed in the same terms as the Chief Justice.

A sages homs et son amy, si luy plest, fiable Monsire Richard de Wileby, Richard par la soeffraunce, etc. *ut proxime supra usque ad illa verba :* maintenuz et sauviez. Et, Sire, nous pour tant voloms estre tenuz a vous en temps avenier affaire chose qe vous serra plesaunte et profitable. Le Seint Esprist soit garde de vous. Escript, etc.

Consimilis littera directa fuit Domino Roberto Schardeborgh et pro negotio supradicto.

24 May 1338.

L. 71 *b*.

655.—LITTERA MISSA PER DOMINUM REGEM PRIORI ET CONVENTUI, SUPER LICENCIA HABENDA UT MAGISTER R. DE BYNTEWORTH, ELECTUS LONDONIENSIS, POSSIT CONSECRARI EXTRA ECCLESIAM CANTUARIENSEM.

The King asks the Chapter to consent to the consecration of the Elect of London away from Canterbury, requesting them to send a *licence of alibi* under their common seal.

Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, Seignur Dirlande, et Ducx Daquitaine, a noz chers en Dieu Priour et Covent de la Trinite de Caunterbires, salutz. Come nostre cher clerk Mestre Richard de Bynteworth soit eslit de Loundres confermez, et sur ceo lui eoms fait restitucioun de ses temporaltees, (de) qi service et presence nous ne pooms, ne ne voloms, lesser ne desportier en nule manere, pur taunt qe nous sumes en alantz vers les parties de Orewell, ou nous passeroms hastivement as parties de dela, ove laide de Dieu; et voudrioms volentiers qe le dit Eslit puisse estre sacre quiel lieu qil nous plerra de-

time shall arise that we may be able to do a courtesy to you or yours, we shall always be ready to do it, without feigning to the best of our power. The Holy Spirit, &c.

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To that prudent person and, if it please him, his trusty friend Sir Richard Wileby, Richard by God's permission, &c. *as in the last letter as far as the words:* upheld and preserved. And, Sir, for this cause we are willing to be bound to you in time to come, that we will do whatever shall be pleasant and profitable to you. The Holy Spirit, &c.

655.

Edward by God's grace King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, to our beloved in God the Prior and Convent of the Trinity at Canterbury, greeting. Whereas our dear clerk Master Richard de Bynteworth is elected and confirmed as Bishop of London, and thereupon we have made to him restitution of his temporals, and whose service we cannot and will not spare nor dispense with in any way, inasmuch as we are making our way to the coast of Suffolk, whence we shall speedily pass over sea, with God's help; and because we should be pleased if the said Elect could be consecrated in such place as we may choose within the

deins la province de Caunterbires, veullez assentier bonement, pur amour de nous, et sur ceo envoier a nous vos lettres patentes, sealees de vostre commun seal, sicom nous nous fioms de vous; issint tout foith qe le dit Eslit face a vous et a vostre Esglise ceo qil est tenuz affaire. Et en meisme la manere avoms parlez al honurable piere en Dieu Lercevesqe de Caunterbires, qi nous ad responduz, qe, quant il savera vostre volente, il nous donra tiel respons quel nous devera agreer. Donez sous nostre secret seal a nostre Thour de Loundres, le xxiiij. jour de Maij, lan de nostre regne douzesme.

(June 1338.)

L. 72 *a.*

656.—LITTERA PRIORIS DIRECTA DOMINO ELECTO LONDONIENSI, SUPER MISSIONE LITTERÆ PATENTIS CONTINENTIS LICENCIAM UT POSSIT CONSECRARI EXTRA ECCLESIAM CANTUARIENSEM. ET EADEM LITTERA PRIORIS REGRATIONES PER EUM DEO FACTAS PRO SUI STATUS NOVITATE CONTINET.

The *licence of alibi* is transmitted to the Bishop Elect of London, with much complimentary matter added.

Reverentiam et honorem. Domine reverende, nos spiritualiter læti efficimur et jocundi, quod Summus Pastor vestram personam in suum vicarium assumere disponebat, in tantum quod vices Apostolorum de cetero vos gerere specialiter oportebit; et speramus quod eosdem Apostolos nitemini taliter imitari, ut cum eisdem, post hujus vitæ cursum completum, in felici patria congaudebitis in summa lætitia, Deo dante. Et Domine reverende, quia nos ex verbis intelleximus fidedignis, quod certa de causa munus consecrationis vestræ extra Ecclesiam Cantuariensem accipere corditer affectatis quod bene fieri non potest sine nostra et confratrum nostrorum gratia speciali, nos et iidem nostri confratres vobis, cui, meritis vestris exigentibus, multipliciter obligamur, litteras mitimus patentes, ut vestræ affectioni prædictæ de nostra gratia quantum in nobis

province of Canterbury, be kind enough to consent, for love of us, and to send to us your letters patent thereupon, sealed with your common seal, as we trust in you; providing always that the said Elect shall perform towards you and your Church those services which he is bound to perform. And we have spoken to the same purpose with the honourable father in God the Archbishop of Canterbury, who has replied to us, that, when he knows your will, he will give us such an answer as ought to please us.

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est unanimiter annuamus. Et nostræ voluntatis est, ac etiam eorundem nostrorum confratrum, quod vos nobis, sub sigillo vestro vel alio modo autentico, rescribatis, præsentium per latorem, protestationem prout decreveritis bene conceptam, quod hujusmodi gratia nobis seu nostræ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensi non cedat in futurum in aliquod præjudicium seu gravamen; et hoc facere intimis affectibus vos rogamus, aliter vero, ut timemus, nostri confratres turbabuntur non modicum, quod nolletis. Et scire velitis si placet, quod dictæ litteræ patentes hac vice de nostro Capitulo nullatenus emanassent, nisi certa spes a fratribus nostris habita fuisset, ut nobis scribere velletis sub forma quæ superius est notata. Valeat in Christo vestra amicitia nobis cara. Dat. etc.

657.—LITTERA DICTI ELECTI LONDONIENSIS RESPONSALIS LITTERÆ PRIORIS QUÆ EST IN CAPITE HUJUS FOLII. 9 June 1338.

Id quod poterit obsequii et honoris. Regratior vobis quantum sufficio, quod tam gratiose consensum Capituli vestri super licencia optinenda, quantum ad con- L. 72 *a*. The Bishop of London's

letter of thanks.

secrationis munus michi in quocumque loco ydoneo Cantuariensis provinciæ impendendum, procurare procurastis; reputans michi ad magnam gratiam quod fecistis. Ceterum pater et Domine reverende, de protestatione quam me facere voluistis, prout litteræ vestræ michi transmissæ commemorant, scire velitis quod protestationem hujusmodi vobis mitto, cetera omnia paratus facere quæ facere debeo, et quæ Ecclesiæ vestræ cedere poterunt ad honorem, quæ me, sicut prius multipliciter ob beneficia impensa, obnoxium habebit ex nunc sic merito de tanta gratia arctius obligatum. In votivis successibus vos conservet Altissimus in longævum. Scripta apud Lopham ix° die Junii.

Per vestrum Ricardum de Bynteworth, Electum Londoniensis Ecclesiæ Confirmatum.

9 June 1338.

L. 72 *a*.

658.—Instrumentum continens protestationem factam per dictum Electum quod licencia per Priorem et Capitulum sibi concessa super consecrationis munere sibi impendendo extra eandem Ecclesiam non cedet in præjudicium ejusdem Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis seu gravamen.

Cautionary letter given by the Elect of London, ensuring the Chapter of Christ Church against prejudice in consequence of

In Dei nomine, Amen. Per præsens publicum instrumentum cunctis appareat evidenter quod, anno ab Incarnatione Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}XXXVIIJ°, indictione sexta, pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini Domini Benedicti divina providentia Papæ XIJ^{mo} anno quarto, mense Junii, die ix^{no}, reverendus vir et discretus Magister Ricardus de Bynteworth, Electus Londoniensis Confirmatus, infra manerium de Lopham Norwycensis diœcesis, in mei Notarii publici et testium infrascriptorum præsentia, personaliter con-

stitutus, quando protestationem in scriptis redactam publice recitavit, fecit, et legit, sub hac forma. In Dei nomine, Amen. Ego Ricardus de Bynteworth, Electus Londoniensis confirmatus, protestor quod, licet reverendi et religiosi viri Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis michi concesserint, de sua gratia speciali, quod extra Ecclesiam Cantuariensem supradictam munus consecrationis accipere valeam, in loco quem infra Cantuariensi provincia Dominus Archiepiscopus ejusdem Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis pro hujusmodi consecrationis munere impendendo fore duxerit congruum et devotum; ita tamen quod hujusmodi concessio gratiosa dictis religiosis viris seu Ecclesiæ suæ Cantuariensi non cedat in futurum in aliquod præjudicium seu gravamen, prout in literis ipsorum patentibus inde confectis plenius continetur, non intendo nec volo quod hujusmodi concessio, per reverendos et religiosas viros Priorem et Capitulum supradictos michi facta, ipsis, vel eorum Ecclesiæ sæpedictæ, in aliquo cedat futuris temporibus in præjudicium seu gravamen. Acta sunt hæc quæ supradixi anno, indictione, pontificatu, mense, die, et loco supradictis; præsentibus Magistro Willelmo de Derby auctoritate apostolica notario publico, Ranulpho Moigne Exoniensis, et Roberto de Redyngg Sarum diœcesium clericis, testibus ad præmissa vocatis et rogatis.

their having granted a *licence of alibi.*

Et ego Johannes Ricardi de Ecclesale clericus Coventrensis et Lychfildensis diœcesis, publicus apostolica auctoritate notarius, protestationis prædictæ recitationi, et lecturæ ejusdem, ac omnibus et singulis præmissis, prout scribuntur, anno, indictione, mense, pontificatu die, et loco præscriptis, una cum testibus prænominatis præsens interfui, eaque sic fieri vidi et audivi, scripsi, et in hanc publicam formam redegi, meoque signo consueto in testimonium præmissorum signavi, rogatus.

(June 1338.) L. 72 *a*.

The Prior in answer to a demand for *transport* for the royal army, pleads poverty, and begs to be excused from contribution.

659.—Littera excusatoria missa Domini Regi pro cariagio non mittendo sibi.

A tresexcellent prince et son treshonurable Seignur, Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, Seignur Dirlande, et Ducs Daquitaine, son chapelleyn Richard Priour del Esglise de Caunterbires, ceo qil puet donur ove continuaunce des devoutes prieres. Treshonurable Seignur, vostre Viscounte de Kent me ad monstre la volente de vous, qe fuist davoir de moy chivalx charettiers ove lour harneys, des queux vous me maundastes nadgaires par voz lettres, en aide de vostre cariage vers les parties de dela; quieu chose jeo coveiteorie faire par grant desir au plesaunce de vous, si mon poair pout a ceo, sicome ne puet, bonement extendre. Car veraiement, qil ne displese a vostre tresnoble Seignurie dentendre, qen cest an, outre manere ascustumee, ay este diversement chargez, tant devers les Chardinals come daultres multes maneres, imposiciouns, et adversitees, qe me sont avenues casuelment; qe ceo qe mest remise et a mon Covent ne puet suffire pur nostre sustinaunce sanz nous grevousement endettier. Et pur ceo, vous prie, tant humblement come jeo puis, a vostre reale benignite qe mon non poair en ceste partie deigne avoir pur excuse. Treshonurable et tresredoute Seignur, Luy Tout Puissant vuelle touts jours encrestre vostre honur real in prosperite de jours et de sauncte. Escript, etc.

6 June 1338. L. 71 *b*.

The Chapter, after a little coyness, assent to the King's request

660.—Littera responsalis ad litteras regias[1].

A lour trescher Seignur, Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, Seignur Dirland, et Ducx Daquitaine, ses chapeleins Richard Priour del Esglise de Canterbires et le Covent de mesme le lieu, salutz, ove la joye qe dure sanz fyn. Trescher Seignur,

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[1] *See* p. 184.

659.

To the most excellent prince and his right honourable lord, Sir Edward, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, his chaplain Richard Prior of the Church of Canterbury, all that he can of honour, with perseverance in devout prayers. Right honourable Lord, your Sheriff of Kent has explained your will to me, namely that you would have from me some waggon-horses fully harnessed (concerning which you lately wrote to me in your letters) in aid of your transport towards the countries over sea; which thing I should long to do, on account of my great desire to please you, if my means would only stretch so far (which they do not). For in truth, and let it not displease your most noble Lordship to hear it, it is so that beyond what is usual I have this year been so despoiled in various ways, what with the procurations of the Cardinals and several other ways, impositions, and misfortunes which have fortuitously befallen me, that what is still left for me and my Convent cannot suffice for our mere maintenance, without we run deeply into debt. And therefore I pray your royal benevolence, in the most humble way I can, that it will deign to accept my impotence in this case as a valid excuse. Right honourable and most dread Lord, may the Almighty be pleased ever to increase your royal honour with length of days and vigorous health.

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To their most dear Lord, Sir Edward, by the grace of God King of England, Lord of Ireland, and Duke of Aquitaine, his chaplains Richard Prior of the Church of Canterbury and the Convent of the same place, greeting, with the joy which endures without end.

in the case of the Bishop of London.

nous receumes voz lettres le vj^{me} jour de Juyn, les quieux nous avoms bien entenduz. Et endroit de ceo qe vous nous maundez par voz dites lettres, qe nous voussissioms assentier qe vostre cher clerk Mestre Richard de Bynteworth, Elist de Loundres Confermez, puisse estre sacre quiel lieu qe vous plerra de deinz le province de Caunterbires; trescher Sire, savez qe le droit de nostre Esglise meuz serroit continue et mesme la Esglise plus honurez si le dit Eslit purroit illeoqes estre sacre; nepurquant, pur reverence de vous, nous assentoms, quant en nous est, qil soit sacrez en lieu qe vous meuz plerra de deinz la dite province. A ceste chose de nostre grace assentoms, issint qe le dit Eslit-confermez face a nostre Esglise ceo qil est tenuz de faire de droit; a qi nous avoms maundez nostre lettre patente de la grace avantdite, la quele lettre vous purrez ver a vostre volente, solonc vostre desir contenuz en voz lettres susdites. A Dieu, trescher Seignur, qi vous maintigne en sauvite, et vous donit gracious esploit en toutes vos busoignes. Donez a nostre Chapitle le vj. jour de Juyn, lan de grace M^{l}CCCXXXVIIJ.

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10 July 1338.

L. 104 *b*.

661.—COPIA COMMISSIONIS FACTÆ CICESTRENSI EPISCOPO PER DOMINUM J. CANTUARIENSEM SUPER PRÆFECTIONE PRIORIS ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI.

Commission by which Archbishop John Stratford, going abroad, empowers

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, totius Angliæ Primas, et Sedis Apostolicæ Legatus, venerabili fratri nostro, Domino Roberto Dei gratia Cicestrensi Episcopo, salutem, et fraternam in Domino caritatem. Cum, propter quædam negotia ardua, extra regnum Angliæ ad partes longinquos accedere proponamus, et ibidem agere in remotis, posset-

Very dear Lord, we received your letters on the sixth day of June, and have quite understood them. And as to what you require of us in your letters, namely, that we should consent that your dear clerk Master Richard de Bynteworth, elect and confirmed Bishop of London, should be able to receive consecration in any place within the province of Canterbury which you may choose; very dear Sire, know that the rights of our Church would be better observed, and the Church itself would be more honoured, if the said Elect could be consecrated therein; nevertheless, out of respect for you, we agree, as far as in us lies, that he may be consecrated in any place which shall best please you within the said province. To this thing we assent, as granting a favour, provided that the said Elect and Confirmed perform towards our Church those services which he is bound by law to perform; to whom we have sent our letters patent conveying the aforesaid favour, which letter you can see when you wish, according to your desire expressed in your above-mentioned letters. God be with you, very dear Lord, and maintain you in prosperity, and grant you favourable success in all your undertakings. Given, &c.

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que, nobis existentibus inibi, prioratus Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis Priore fortasse vacare; ad interessendum in eo casu, pro nobis et nomine nostro, electioni et nominationi faciendis de futuro Priore nostræ Ecclesiæ antedictæ; et ad scrutandum in hac parte vota omnium et singulorum monachorum ejusdem Ecclesiæ qui electioni et nominationi hujusmodi interesse debebunt, et ea per vos redigenda in scriptis; et ad nominandum, præficiendum, et dandum monachis dictæ Ecclesiæ Priorem ydoneum, ac ad injungendum eisdem omnibus et singulis, in virtute sanctæ obedientiæ qua

Robert Stratford, Bishop of Chichester, to conduct the election of a new Prior of Christ Church.

nobis tenentur, quod ipsi sic nominato, præfecto, et dato, sint in spiritualibus et temporalibus intendentes; et ad installandum Priorem eundem; et ad providendum eidem prioratui de Priore ydoneo, in casu quo ipsius collatio, provisio, datio, seu ordinatio, ad nos debeat de jure seu consuetudine pertinere; et ad præmissa ac omnia alia necessaria vel opportuna in ea parte, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale, pro nobis et nostro nomine facienda, ac etiam exercenda, eisdem modis et formis sicut ea faceremus et exerceremus, vel facere et exercere possemus, si personaliter præsentes essemus, vobis generalem et liberam concedimus potestatem; necnon in præmissis omnibus et singulis vobis committimus vices nostras, cum cujuslibet censuræ ecclesiasticæ potestate. Data in Monasterio Sanctæ Radegundis juxta Dovoriam vj^to^ Idus Julii, anno Domini M^o^CCC^mo^XXXVIIJ^to^, et nostræ translationis quinto.

(Sept. 1338.)
L. 72 *b*.

662.—LITTERA NUNTIATORIA AD PRANDIUM IN CELEBRATIONE PRIMÆ MISSÆ DOMINI ROBERTI PRIORIS.

The new Prior invites a

Salutem cum sinceræ caritatis affectu. Quia nos die Sancti Edwardi proximo futuro [1] primam missam nos-

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(Sept. 1338.)
L. 72 *b*.

664.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA J. FERMOR SUPER WARDA MARIS NON FACIENDA IN PARTIBUS ESSEXIÆ.

The Prior reminds the King's Commissioner who has charge of the protection of the coast

Salutz, etc. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe gentz de vostre baillie, noz tenantz et altres, nous font grant duresse, de nous chacer destre sur la garde de la mier, et unqore entendent defaire, si nous ne soioms aidez hastivement; vous prioms cherement, sicome nous fioms de vous qe vous, mettez vostre diligence

[1] Oct. 13.

tram solempnem in ecclesia nostra Christi Cantuariensi, divina favente clementia, celebrare proponimus; dilectionem vestram votivis precibus rogamus, quatinus dictam solempnitatem venerabili præsentia vestra dignemini decorare, ut ipsa solempnius perficiatur; recepturi cum gaudio pro vobis et vestris quod divina largitas duxerit erogare. Semper in Domino feliciter valeatis. Script., etc.

friend to be present when he celebrates his first mass after his promotion.

663.—[ALTERA FORMA EJUSDEM LITTERÆ.] (Sept. 1338.)

L. 72 *b*.

Salutz, etc. Cher Sire, pur ceo qe nous entendoms le jour Seint Edward proschein avenier fair nostre entre, et ove laide de Dieu nostre messe solempne en nostre Esglise de Caunterbires meismes le jour chauntier; vous prioms cherements, qe vous plese portier compeignie a nous et as noz altres amys a mangier, le jour avantdit; issint qe par vostre presence nous et nostre dite Esglise puissoms le plus estre honurez et confortez. A Dieu, Sire, etc. Escript, etc.

A translation of the same invitation into French.

664.

Greeting. Whereas we have heard that the men of your bailiwick, our tenants and others, are putting great pressure upon us to compel us to perform watch-by-sea, and still mean to continue doing so, if we be not speedily helped; we earnestly pray you, as we put our trust in you, to be diligent and active, so that we may not be

that the Convent is not used to be called upon to contribute to the Garde de la mer.

et travoil, qe nous ne soioms chacez defaire nulle chose qe puisse estre prejudiciele a nous et a nostre Esglise en nostre temps; sicome vous savez bien meismes qe nous ne solioms unqes estre mys a tiele garde avant ceste heure. Ceste chose prenez al cuer, sicome vous amez lonur et lestat de nostre Esglise sauver.[1] A Dieu, etc. Escript, etc.

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27 Oct. (1338).

L. 72 *b*.

665.—LITTERA MISSA MAGISTRO A. MURYMOUTH PRO LITTERIS ORIGINALIBUS HABENDIS SUPER PRÆFECTIONE ROBERTI PRIORIS ECCLESIÆ CANTUARIENSIS.

Adam de Murymouth asked to obtain original letters from the Court of

Dilectissime. Super status nostri præfectione facta in vestra præsentia, sicut scitis adhuc nichil habemus, sed vellemus quod processus et præfectio in hac parte concepta, vestra circumspectione provida, taliter ordinarentur, quod imposterum nullatenus revocaretur in dubium status noster. Vos igitur rogamus ex corde,

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(Oct. 1338.)

L. 72 *b*.

666.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA COMITI HUNTYNGDON PRO W. GLOVERE DE LANIS NON DUCENDIS ULTRA MARE.

The Earl of Huntingdon, a Kentish magnate, is asked to intervene to prevent a profitable servant of the Monastery

Salutz et quanqil sciet et puist des treschers amistez. Trescher Seignur, vous plese savoir qe breff de la Chancellerie est venuz as cullours des laynes del counte de Kent, sicome nous avoms entenduz, qe un de les ditz cullours passe la mier ove les dites laynes, et les uns procurent qe Willeam Glover, nostre Sergeant qad grant partie de noz biens en sa garde, duist prendre cele charge et peril; le quiel Willeam

[1] *savoir*, MS.

compelled to do anything which may turn in our time to the prejudice of us or of our Church; inasmuch as you yourself well know that we have never before now been set to keep this watch. Take this affair to heart, as you are desirous of saving the honour and dignity of our Church. Adieu, &c.

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quod in præmissis manum velitis apponere adjutricem, et videre et examinare ea quæ sunt facta et ordinata needum in mundum redacta, meliori modo quo sciverit vestra discretio nobis cara. Ita quod vobis teneamur pro hiis et aliis pro nobis impedendis temporibus profuturis, libenter enim vellemus commissionem originalem et litteras dupplicatas habere. Semper in Domino valeatis. Scripta apud Estriam sub nostro sigillo privato xxvij[mo] die Octobris.

Arches testifying to the regularity of Prior Hathbrand's election.

666.

Greeting and all the close friendship that he may of can. Very dear Lord, be pleased to know that a writ from the Chancery is come to the collectors of wool for the county of Kent, and, as we have heard, one of the said collectors has to go over sea with the said wool, and some of them are scheming that William Glover, one of our serjeants who has the care of a great deal of our property, may be forced to undertake this responsibility

from being appointed agent for carrying, for sale over sea, the wool taken by the King as a subsidy.

nest pas suffisant, ne sachant des tieles busoignes maintenier. Pur quey, trescher Seignur, vous prioms et requeroms, qe vous veullez mettre vostre mayn qe le dit Willeam ne soit mye chassez pur sa simplesse par tiel procurement, ne chargez de si grande busoigne, qe serroit defessaunce a luy et a nous perte et damage. A Dieu, Seignur, qi vous donit bone vie et longe. Escript, etc.

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6 Dec. (1338).

L. 72 *b*.

667.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA MISSA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO PRO ADMISSIONE CICESTRENSIS EPISCOPI IN ELECTIONE PRIORIS ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI.

The Archbishop on going abroad, six months before the date of this letter, appointed his kinsman the Bishop of Chichester to be his Vicar General, in which character he presided in the Chapter House at the election of a new Prior of Christ Church. The Archbishop has declared that this act was an invasion of the rights of his office,

Venerabili Christo patri Domino J. Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc. devoti filii Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, obedientiam cum honore debito patri suo. Litteras reverendæ paternitatis vestræ recepimus iiij^to^ die Decembris, et juxta tenorem earum dilectum clericum vestrum Dominum S. de Charyngg in dicendis ex parte vestra audivimus reverenter, quibus jam convenit ut possumus respondere. Miramini, pater, ut accepimus nos reverendum patrem Dominum Cicestrensem, post mortem bonæ memoriæ Domini R. de Oxendenn nuper Prioris nostri, ad interessendum, vice vestra, electioni et provisioni faciendis de futuro Priore una nobiscum concorditer admisisse, contra formam et modum inter nos hactenus observatos, in non modicum juris vestri præjudicium, ut dicitis, et offensam; eo quod interesse nobiscum electioni faciendæ de Priore in casu prædicto sit vobis proprium et jus personale; super quo nos apud reverentiam vestram excusat, et reddit immunes a culpa, specialis illa potestas, quam, ante recessum vestrum ab Anglia, dicto Domino Cicestrensi in negotio provisionis hujusmodi concessistis,[1] cum cujuslibet cohercionis canonicæ

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[1] p. 192.

and risk, for which business he is not qualified, not knowing how to manage such matters. Therefore, very dear Lord, we pray and require you to be pleased to take it in hand, that the said William may not, owing to such scheming, be oppressed through his simplicity, nor be charged with so great a responsibility, which can only lead to a failure for him and loss and injury for us. Adieu, &c.

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potestate; providentes forsan in spiritu casum verisimiliter ut accidit contingentem. Unde, si jus vestrum lædatur in isto, in dispendio juris nostri patet quod est læsum, eo quod personam extraneam, vobis committentibus, in vestri favorem admisimus in præmissis. Nec credatis, pater reverende, in dicto provisionis negotio nos inconsulte seu leviter processisse, cum dictum negotium partim a majoribus nostri consilii et quasi totaliter processit a vestris. Alia quæ fuerunt in hac parte dicenda vobis in jocundo adventu vestro, qui utinam immineat in brevi, Domino comitante, plenius exponemus. In pacis auctore valeat pater noster, nuntius ipse pacis. Scripta vj[to] die Decembris.

and the Prior excuses himself for an unintentional breach of the Archbishop's privilege.

668.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA MISSA EIDEM DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO PER PRIOREM DE NEGOTIO PROXIMO PRÆSCRIPTO.

9 Dec. (1338). L. 73 *a*.

Patri suo et domino devotus filius salutem cum omni obedientia reverentia et honore. Intimante michi, pater reverende, Domino S. de Charyngg, vestras super hoc credenciæ litteras deferente, cognovi verisimiliter, vos, ex eo non modicum admirationis et indignationis concepisse motivum quod Capitulum vestrum, contra debitam observantiam et consuetudinem

The Prior's apology in the matter treated of in the preceding letter.

hactenus approbatam, alium prælatum ad præficiendum ibidem novum Priorem admisit, vobis totaliter inconsultis. Verum, licet per venerabilem patrem Dominum Cicestrensem Episcopum, vestrum Vicarium in spiritualibus generalem et Commissarium ad hoc specialter deputatum, ut patet per tenorem commissionis suæ (cujus copiam præsentibus interclusam vobis mitto), per modum eligendi solitum invitus, ibidem in Priorem præfectus, ad presens teneam, sub vestra tamen tollerantia, regimen prioratus indignus; nunquam tamen Deus scit de mea voluntate processit quod alius quam vos hujusmodi expediret negotium, vel intraret Capitulum hac de causa, sed ad deferendum hujusmodi negotium, contra voluntatem fratrum, donec vos certificati super hoc vestrum scriberetis beneplacitum curam apposui quam valebam, ex quo nonnulli, cum festinatione dictum prosequentes negotium, me suspectum aliqualiter habuerunt. Placeat igitur vestræ reverendæ paternitati patienter in præmissis habere meam innocentiam excusatam; et præsentim super hoc, quod ad certificandum vos de morte nostri Prioris non misi tempestive; misissem enim veraciter si hoc possibilitas permisisset. Valeat semper in Christo vestra reverenda paternitas, qui vos ad propria cum prosperitatis gaudio dirigat et reducat. Scripta Cantuariæ ix^{no} die Decembris.

1338. L. 105 *b*.

669.—Articuli bullæ Domini Papæ Benedicti contenti in prima bulla.

A summary of a Bull of Benedict XII. giving rules for the con-

Quod Capitulum unum, tam Cantuariensis quam Eboracensis provinciæ, de triennio in triennium celebretur, in loco assignando per primos executores; ad quod vocari debent tam Abbates quam Priores cathedrales.

Item: quod executores prædictarum constitutionum citare debent vocandos, per litteras diem et locum certius exprimentes, cum continatione dierum.

duct of provincial Chapters of the Benedictine Order.

Item: quod prædicti executores ordinabunt per quem in primo capitulo sermo debeat fieri et missa celebrari.

Item: quod, sermone missaque completis, faciant executores præsidentes eligi, qui omnia impleant quæ hujusmodi præsidentibus incumbunt.

Item: quod, electis præsidentibus, executores publicare habent ordinationes et statuta.

Item: quod, post publicationem statutorum, debent executores prædicti monere, et compellere si oporteat, tam prælatos præsentes quam absentium procuratores, ut copiam statutorum recipiant sub autentica scriptura, et secum ad monasteria propria deferant, et legi ibi faciant et diligenter custodiri.

Item: quod per primum capitulum debet provideri de loco congruo et securo ubi libri statutorum, bullæ, [et] munimenta, futuris, perpetuisque temporibus debent conservari.

Item: quod præsidentes electi in primo capitulo faciant omnia statuta olim in utraque provincia facta ad capitulum proximum deportari, per eos qui illa habuerint, et personas ydoneas deputari, ut illa diligenter examinent, et quæ de illis in posterum observari debent, quæ statutis Domini Papæ non obvient, in sequenti tunc capitulo ordinentur.

Item: quod dicti executores, conjunctim vel divisim, personaliter accedant ad ecclesias cathedrales et alia loca conventualia per diversas partes provinciæ, prout adinvicem convenerint, ad inquirendum quot monachi esse solebant in eisdem, ac de ipsorum facultates, necnon membrorum suorum quot monachi, supportatis oneribus, de ipsis commode valeant sustentari; Dominum Papam certificantes, relatione fideli, plenarie

de præmissis, ut ipse in eisdem numerum certum monachorum statuat perpetuo duraturum.

Item: quod dicti executores in singulis domibus assignent certos redditus pro magistris et scolaribus, necnon pro suppletione officiorum insufficientium.

Item: ordinat Dominus Papa pro expensis cujuslibet executoris, pro diebus singulis quibus post primum capitulum fuerit in prosecutione executionis prædictæ, eundo, morando, et redeundo, octoginta turonenses argenti duntaxat, ab ecclesiis, monasteriis, et membris eorum; congrua per executores distributione facta inter monasteria et eorum membra.

Item: quod possint iidem executores omnes contradictores compellere per censuras ecclesiasticas, non obstantibus quibuscunque privilegiis, statutis, seu consuetudinibus, ecclesiarum cathedralium.

(Jan. 1339.)

670.—Littera supplicatoria pro negotiis J. de Wymborne expediendis.

L. 73 *a*.

The Prior asks a Judge before whom a cause is about to be heard to show favour to one of the parties.

A honurables home et sage, Monsire J. de Stonore, Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour, etc. salutz, et quantqil sciet et puist des treschers amistez. Trescher Sire, enveoms a vous Mestre Jon de Wymborne, nostre cher et bien amez clerk, portour de cestes, le quiel ad grandement affaire devant vous, tout soit il par malice de ses enemys et countre reson et droiture. Pur quey, nous vous prioms, auxi cherement come nous pooms, qe vous luy veullez estre amy, et aidant en ses busoignes solonc le ley et droiture; issint qe nous soioms le plus tenuz a vous, et le dit nostre cher clerk par ceste nostre priere le plus graciousement esploitez. Et vous prioms trescher Sire, qe vous plese estre amy a nous et a nostre Esglise, de si avant sicome vous avetz este devant

Item: quod Dominus Papa debet informari plenarie, per litteras dictorum executorum, quid fecerint circa assignationem reddituum pro pensionibus, applicandis Magistro claustralium, ac studentibus, et officiis insufficientibus, et de aliis circumstantiis.

Item: quod si ambo executores præmissis exequendis interesse non potuerint, alter eorum ista nichilominus exequatur.

Item: præcipit Dominus Papa, tam executoribus, quam præsidentibus Capituli generalis et ceteris prælatis, quod solvant duobus Prioribus, prosecutoribus istarum constitutionum in Curia Romana, summam ab ipsis taxatam, videlicet, trecentos florenos auri de Florencia.

670.

To that honourable and prudent person Sir J. de Stonore, Robert by God's permission Prior, &c. greeting and all that he knows and can of true friendship. Very dear Sieur, we send to you Master John of Wymborne, our dear and well beloved clerk, bearer of these presents, who has an important affair pending before you, arising from the malice of his enemies, and contrary to justice and law. Wherefore we pray you as earnestly as we can that you will be a good friend to him, helping him in his business according to law and right; so that we ourselves may be the more obliged to you, and our dear clerk the more graciously helped by means of this our prayer. And we beseech you, very dear Sieur, that you will be pleased to be a good friend to us and to our Church, in the future as you have hitherto been in times past. And

ces houres. Et si rienz veullez, Sire, par devers nous, fyablement nous veullez maunder, et nous esperoms, al aide de Dieu, qe nous le ferroms bonement solonc nostre poair. Le Seint Esprist, Sire, vous maintiegne longement en bone vie. Escript, etc.

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16 Feb. 1339.

L. 73 *b*.

The Chapter settle a pension upon one of their counsel.

671.—Littera pensionaria concessa Domino J. de Sancto Paulo.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsens scriptum visuris vel audituris, Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Probitatis et prudentiæ dilecti nobis in Christo Domini Johannis de Sancto Paulo merita recolentes, sperantesque ejus consilium et auxilium nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ futuris temporibus fore non mediocriter opportuna, dedimus et concessimus eidem Johanni, de nostra

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(Feb. 1339.)

L. 73 *b*.

The *nativi* of Risborough are anxious to make a formal recognition of their servile condition.

672.—Littera missa R. de Hattecomb pro nativis nostris de Rysseberg.

Salutz, etc. Cher amy, veullez savoir qe noz vilayns de Ryssebergh, qi sont a Ryssebergh, nous priont de jour en altre qils puissent faire reconissaunce de lour vileignage, quiele houre qe nous voloms et devant qi nous plest ordiner, et qils puissent retournier en lour, et vivre solonc lour, estat. Pur quey, vous prioms cherement qe vous pensez hastivement dordiner coment ils puissent faire reconissaunce, en discharge de nous, et pur nostre estat sauvoir et nostre Esglise sanz peril; kar ceste chose ont ils promys certeignement sanz nulle feintisse, solonc nostre ordinaunce. Ceste

if, Sieur, there be anything which you can ask from us please to send to us with confidence, and, with God's help, we hope to be able to perform it satisfactorily to the best of our power. The Holy Spirit keep you, Sieur, in good and long enduring health.

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gratia speciali, pro fideli et diligenti consilio suo, et auxilio, nobis exhibitis et exhibendis, annuam pensionem lx. solidorum, in thesauraria nostra apud Cantuariam singulis annis quamdiu vixerit persolvendam, videlicet, in festo Purificationis Virginis gloriosæ. Si vero contingat præfatum Dominum Johannem ad aliquem dignitatis gradum promoveri, extunc, cessante dicta pensione, cassum sit hoc scriptum, irritum, et inane, et pro nullo, imposterum habeatur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum. Datum in Capitulo nostro xvj° die mensis Februarii, anno Domini M°CCC^mo^XXXVIIJ°.

672.

Greeting. Dear friend, know that our bondmen belonging to Risborough who live at Risborough are from day to day entreating us that they may be allowed to make a solemn recognition of their servile condition whenever and before whomsoever we may choose, so that they may be able to return to their own degree and live in accordance with it. Wherefore we earnestly pray you that you will quickly settle how they may make this recognition so as to free us from responsibility and so as to secure our rights and to keep our Church out of danger, for they have promised to do this

chose veullez prendre al cuer, et faire bone fyn de ceste busoigne, pur nostre honur et le vostre sauver, tanqe come cele volente en eux dure. Et come vous avez temps qe vous viegnez a nous a Caunterbires de nous visitier, sicome vous nous prosmistes a vostre dareyn depart de nous. A Dieu, etc.

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25 Feb. 1339.

L. 180 *b*.

The Prior acknowledges the receipt of a legacy of fifty shillings, of which

673.—Acquietancia de bonis legatis.

Pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. recepimus et habuimus de executoribus bonæ memoriæ Magistri Philippi de Turvile, quondam canonici ecclesiæ cathedralis Lychefeldensis, ac rectoris ecclesiæ parochialis de Westwell Cantuariensis diœcesis, nuper defuncti, l. solidos sterlingorum, in testamento dicti defuncti nobis legatos; videlicet, xxx. solidos ad

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Feb. 1339.

L. 73 *b*.

The Chapter ask a patron to procure their exemption from the duty of furnishing two men for the coastguard in Suffolk.

674.—Littera missa J. Fermor pro warda maris non facienda in partibus Suffolk.

Salutz. Veullez savoir qe nous est fait entendre, qe nous sumes ordinez et commaundez, par le Counte de Oxeneford et alteres gentz del counte de Suffolk, de fournier deux homes armez sur la garde de la mier; de quiele charge nostre Esglise nul temps ne soleyt estre travoillez. Pur quey, nous vous prioms cherement, come nous fyoms de vostre bon aide, qe vous veullez estre nostre defens et escu, qe nostre dite Esglise ne soit mye chacee de faire chose qonqe ne fessoit avant cest houre; et par ceste resoun qe nul peril ne piert pas unqore sur la mier. Ceste chose voillez prendre al cuer, sicome vous amez lestat de nostre Esglise et, vostre honur sauver. A Dieu, etc.

effectually without any deceit, in the manner which we may prescribe. Please to take this matter to heart, and bring the business to a good end for the sake of our honour and your own while this good intention of theirs lasts. And when you have the time, come to pay us a visit at Canterbury, as you promised to do when you last left us. Adieu, &c.

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distribuendum inter pauperes Cantuarienses, juxta ordinationem nostram, pro anima bonæ memoriæ Domini Henrici quondam Prioris Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, prædecessoris nostri; et xx. solidos ad fabricam ecclesiæ nostræ memoratæ. De quibus quidem l. solidis, etc. fatemur, etc. præfatos executores quietos per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Cantuariæ in crastino Sancti Mathiæ Apostoli anno Domini M°CCC°XXXVIIJ°.

thirty are to be given to the poor as a memorial alms for the late Prior Eastry.

674.

Greeting. Please to know that we have been given to understand, that we are appointed and commanded, by the Earl of Oxford and others of the County of Suffolk, to furnish two armed men for the watch-by-sea; for which charge our Church has never been used to be troubled. Wherefore we earnestly pray you, as we rely upon your help, that you will be pleased to be our defence and our shield, so that our Church may not be compelled to do that which it never did before, and, this the more for the reason that no farther danger is apparent from the sea. Please to take this matter to heart, as you love our Church, and would keep your own honour safe. Adieu, &c.

30 Mar. 1339.

L. 73 *b*.

675.—COMMISSIO AD CAPIENDUM ET PROSEQUENDUM FUGITIVOS NOSTROS CUM EORUM BONIS ET CATALLIS, ETC.

An agent is empowered to seize waifs, strays, and other perquisites belonging to the Chapter as Lords of Manors.

As toutz y ceux qi cestes lettres verront ou orront, Robert par la soeffraunce, etc., salutz en Dieu. Sachez nous avoir ordinez et assignez nostre cher et bien amez Henry de Bereham dassercher, poursvre, et arestier, toutz les biens et chateux qi sont ditz *weyfs, estraiz, chateux des felons*, et *threzor trovez*, qi a nous appendent par diverses franchises appertinantz a nostre dite Esglise, et quieux nous sont alloignez, a ceo qest dist, en le counte du Kent; donantz al dit Henry nostre pleyn poair de chalenger, poursvre, et arestier, les avantditz biens et chateux ou qils soient trovez; des quieux nous voloms qil de ceo respoigne a nous com appent. En tesmoignaunce de quieu chose nous luy avoms fait cestres noz lettres patentes, adurier a nostre volente. Donez a Eastry le dreyn jour de Marz lan de grace mille CCCXXXIX.

10 Apr. 1339.

L. 73 *b*.

676. — COMMISSIO AD REINTRANDUM RECTORIAM DE ASSCH TENTAM AD FIRMAM PROPTER TERMINOS NON SERVATOS.

The Attornies of the Convent are empowered to re-enter upon the parsonage of Ash Bocking, with all its profits, in consequence of a breach of covenant committed by the lessees.

Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour, etc. as noz chers et bien amez J. Ferm(or) et W. Hughele, salutz en Dieu. Com nadgaires nostre predecessor et le Covent lesserent a Robert vicaire del esglise de Aysscb, Willeam de Boys, Thomas du Chaump, lesglise Dassch ove le personage de meme cele, ensemblement ove grosses dismes, terres, et tenementz, ovesqs toutes altres choses appartinauntes a y cel personage, davoir et tenier a certeigne terme des aunz, rendantz ent annuelment dix marcz as deux termes; sus tiel condicion qe si la dite ferme, ou partie de ceo, par quinze jours proschein apres ascun des termes du paiement

675.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert by God's permission, &c. greeting in the Lord. Know ye that we have appointed and assigned our dear and well beloved Henry of Barham to seek out, follow, and take possession of all the goods and chattels which are known as *waifs, strays, felons' goods,* and *treasure trove*; which are ours by virtue of divers franchises belonging to our Church, but which, so it is said, are fraudulently kept from us in the County of Kent; giving to the said Henry our full authority to claim, follow, and detain the said goods and chattels wherever they may be found; requiring him to answer to us for the same as is proper. In witness whereof we have made these our letters patent, which will remain in force at our discretion. Given, &c.

676.

Robert by God's permission Prior, &c. to our dear and well-beloved J. Fermor and W. Hughele, greeting in the Lord. Whereas our predecessor and the Convent formerly leased to Robert the vicar of the church of Ash Bocking, to William de Boys, and to Thomas du Champ the rectory of Ash with the parsonage of the same, together with the great tithes, lands, and tenements, and all other things belonging to the same parsonage, to have and to hold for a certain term of years, paying to thence ten marks a year by two half-yearly payments, with the condition that if the said rent, or any parcel thereof, fell into arrear for fifteen days after any one of the days

limitez fuist arere, ou ascun des alteres pointz des covenantz en les endentures du lees de ceo faits ne fuissent tenuz, qe, adonqs, bien lyroit as ditz Priour et Covent et a lour successours lavantdit personage, et les terres, et tenements, et toutes les altres choses y appartenantz, reentrier, et reseiser, et en lour mayn retiner, par qiconqs lours attornes, ove toutz les biens et chateux de deinz trovez, tanqe gree (soit fait) as ditz Priour et Covent de qantqe fuist aderere, ou meins bien tenuz, sicome en les endentures avantdites est continuz pluspleynement; nous, pur cause qe la dite ferme ja par un temps est soubstrete, et ascuns des altres pointz des covenantz enfreyntes, voloms faire reseiser le dit personage, ensemblement ove terres, tenementz, dismes, et toutes alteres choses, auxi entierement com ils fuierent lessez, sicom resoun demande, (et) vous avoms ordinez et establiz nos attornes, joyntement et en severalte, areentrier et reseiser, en nostre noun, le dit personage et qant y appartient com avant est dist, et en noz mayns retiner, ensemblement ove les biens est chateux dedeinz trovez, tanqe nostre gree soit fait selom la fourme des avantdites endentures. Et vous fesoms savoir qe nous tendroms ferm et estable ceo qe vous deux, ou un de vous, frez en ceo cas en nostre noun, en la fourme susdite. En tesmoignaunce de quieu chose nous vous avoms fait cestes noz lettres patentes. Donez a Canterbires le xme jour Daveryl, lan de grace MCCCXXXIX^e^.

(Apr. 1339.)

677.—LITTERA MISSA COMITI GARENNE PRO W. ATTE HERST FELONE EIDEM ACCUSATO.

L. 74 *a*.

The Prior intercedes with the Earl Warenne for a

A treshonurable Seignur, nostre trescher (et) bien amez en Dieu Monsire J. Counte de Garrenne, Robert par la soeffrance de Dieu Priour del Esglise de Caunterbires, salutz, honurs, et reverences. Trescher Seignur

appointed for payment, or if any other of the covenants in the indentures of lease made on this occasion were not observed, that then it should be lawful for the said Prior and Convent and their successors to re-enter, and to resume possession of, and to retain in their hands the aforesaid parsonage and the lands and tenements and all other things thereto appertaining, by any attornies of theirs, together with all the goods and chattels therein being, until full satisfaction should be made to the said Prior and Convent for whatever amount might be in arrear, or for infraction of covenant, as is more fully contained in the said indentures; we, in consideration that the said rent has now for some time been withheld, and certain other of these covenants violated, wish to have the said parsonage, together with the lands, tenements, tithes, and all other things as entire as when they were leased, recovered, as justice requires; and we have appointed and made you our attornies, jointly and severally, for re-entering and recovering, in our name, the said parsonage and whatever belongs to it, as is before said; to retain them in our hands, together with all the goods and chattels therein found, until satisfaction is made to us according to the form contained in the said indentures. And we give you to know that we will hold as firm and stable all that you two, or one of you, shall do in our name in this case in the form above rehearsed. In witness of which thing, &c.

677.

To the right honourable Lord, our very dear and well beloved in God Sir J. Earl Warenne, Robert by God's permission Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, honours, and homage. Very dear Lord, whereas we

trespasser who, in the writer's opinion, has cleared himself by his own oath of innocence.

pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe Walter atte Herst, nostre povre tenant de Wodeton, est ascusez a vous malicioussement par ses enemys de damage fait en vostre garrenne, en vostre seignurie de Lewes; le quel Walter nous avoms examinez devant nous, a Estrie pres de Sandwyz, par serement sur Seintes Evangyles, et nous ne pooms trovier qil soit coupable de nul manier trespas devers nous; pur quey, trescher Seignur, plese a vostre Seignurie prendre enqueste de ses veisins del dit trespas; et sil soit trovez coupables, veullez prendre a luy a vostre volente; et sil trovez soit par enqueste qil soit sans coupe, luy veullez de vostre bon resoun et grace resounable avoir en ceo cas escusez. Ceste nostre priere et requeste plese a vostre Seignurie al cuer prendre, issint qe nostre dit tenant ne soit countre resoun et sanz coupe par poair grevez. A Dieu trescher Seignur, qe vous donit sauncte de corps et dalme par la priere Seint Thomas Martyr glorious. Escript, etc.

(June 1339.)

L. 74 *a*.

678.—Littera excusatoria pro sustentatione non concedenda quam J. Griffon habuit dum vixit.

The Prior resists the claim of the King to appoint one of his servants to a corrody.

Excellentissimo principi et domino suo reverendo, Domino Edwardo Dei gratia Regi Angliæ, Domino Hiberniæ, et Duci Aquitaniæ illustri, sui humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, debitam ad præcepta regia parendi promptitudinem, cum omni reverentia et honore. Magnificæ vestræ serenitatis litteras, pro Nicholao de Wycombe vestro vigili nobis missas, reverenter recepimus, continentes quod ipsum Nicholaum in domum nostram admitteremus, et talem sustentationem in ipsa quo ad vixerit percipiendam concederemus eidem, qualem Johannes Griffoun defunctus, ad rogatum Domini Ed-

have heard that Walter atte Herst, our poor tenant at Wodeton, is by his enemies maliciously accused to you of trespass done in your warren of your lordship of Lewes, which Walter we have examined personally, at Eastry near Sandwich, by his oath taken upon the Holy Gospels, and we can in no way find that he is guilty of any kind of offence against you; therefore, very dear Lord, may it please you that an inquest be held of his neighbours concerning the said offence, and if he be found guilty, then deal with him at your pleasure, but if by the inquest he be found without fault, then please, by your true justice and reasonable favour, hold him excused in this case. May it please your lordship to take this our prayer and request to heart, so that our said tenant may not be oppressed by the strong hand, contrary to justice, and being without fault. God be with you, very dear Lord, and may he grant you health of body and soul through the intercession of the glorious Martyr Saint Thomas.

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wardi nuper Regis Angliæ patris vestri, dum vixit habuit in eadem, litterasque nostras patentes, communi sigillo nostro signatas, mentionem de hiis quæ de dicta domo nostra sic percipiet facientes, sibi fieri faceremus. Et de eo quod ad rogatum vestrum hujusmodi faceremus vobis rescriberemus per ipsarum bajulum litterarum, vel saltem causam vobis significaremus quare mandato vestro, alias inde directo, minime paruimus cum effectu. Nos vero, vestri humiles capellani, considerantes intime specialem vestram devotionem et sanctam quam ad gloriosum Christi Martyrem Sanctum Thomam, cujus corpus in ecclesia Christi prædicta solemniter est translatum; necnon dilectionem sinceram quam ad personam venerabilis patris Domini Johannis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, pastorem et primatem nostrum, hactenus

habuistis, et adhuc indubitanter habere speramus; ob quas piæ intentionis vestræ fuit, et adhuc est ut credimus in præsenti, ipsam Ecclesiam et nos velle gratioso favore prosequi, et indempnitati nostræ salubriter et utiliter providere. Confidentes insuper de vestra gratia speciali et provisione benigna, quibus, ob causas prædictas, nobis alias per cartam vestram pro vobis et vestris heredibus concessistis, quod concessiones per vos et prædecessores vestros factæ aliquibus de pensionibus, corrodiis, aut sustentationibus, de domo nostra prædicta quoquo modo percipiendis, ad rogatus progenitorum vestrorum seu vestros, non trahantur in consuetudinem vel consequentiam aliqualem, nec in nostrum, seu domus nostræ prædictæ, cedant præjudicium aliqualiter in futurum; nec etiam quod nos aut successores nostri ad hujusmodi pensiones, corrodia, vel sustentationes, de domo nostra percipienda aliquibus, ad rogatus vestros vel heredum vestrorum concedenda, compellamur decetero, vel etiam teneamur; per quas gratiam et provisionem hujusmodi nobis factas, satis evidenter apparet vestræ intentionis non esse, ut per concessiones hujusmodi in domo nostra prædicta, etiam ad rogatum vestrum vel successorum vestrorum, aliquibus faciendas indebite prægravemur. Cum concessio hujusmodi de sustentatione ipsius Nicholai in domo nostro prædicta fieri non possit ad præsens, absque nostro gravi præjudicio et intollerabili detrimento, istis præsertim discriminosis temporibus quibus nos oportet, pro defensione regni vestri contra inimicorum insidias, quamplures homines armatos, etiam præ aliis, continue super mare tenere, pro quorum expensis et sustentatione congrue faciendis nostræ non sufficiunt facultates, vestræ Dominationi benignæ, devotis precibus, humiliter supplicamus, quatinus nos ad præsens ab hujusmodi onere pie relevare dignemini, et habere quoad hoc rationabiliter excusatos. Ad regimen vobis a Deo datum vos conservet Altissimus ut optatis feliciter gubernandum. Data in Capitulo nostro.

679.—LITTERA DOMINI J. ARCHIEPISCOPI DE PROSPERITATE ET EXALTATIONE STATUS DOMINI ROBERTI PRIORIS AC DE MODO CREATIONIS SUÆ. 26 Aug. (1339.) L. 86 *a*.

Salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Status vestri prosperitatem et exaltationem, a tempore quo vos bene novimus, affectavimus toto corde; sperantes per vos Ecclesiam et fratres nostros multum juvari infuturum; et ideo, licet de modo creationis vestræ aliqualiter turbati fuimus, ex eo quod modus antiquus in ea parte non fuit omnino observatus, tamen personam vestram, quam inter ceteros fratres nostros ad statum quem optinetis habilem reputamus, acceptam semper habuimus et habemus in præsenti. Positi igitur in agrum Dominicum, urticas discordiæ evellite, caritatis radices plantate, religionem sanctam custodiri facite, ut Ecclesia Christi ortus deliciarum appareat, et religio vestra, quæ capud est totius provinciæ, in omni veritate et sanctitate aliis fiat in exemplum; vos specialiter rogantes, quatinus pro nobis exorare Altissimus, et ad id faciendum fratres nostros inducere velitis affectione qua potestis ampliori. Vobis insuper regratiamur de pueris nostris quos vobiscum tenetis, et in brevi speramus vos videre, Domino concedente; qui vos in prosperitate conservet tempora per longæva. Scriptum Valencian',[1] xxvj° die Augusti.

Per Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem.

Archbishop Stratford, affecting some doubt of the regularity of Prior Hathbrand's election, gives him affectionate advice. It appears from the letter that, during the Archbishop's absence from England, the Prior was taking care of his (choir) boys, or perhaps his grooms.

680.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA MISSA DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO CUM ALIIS CONTENTIS IN EADEM. Oct. 1339. L. 74 *b*.

Pater reverende, de vestra consolatione benigna, quam michi status vestri incolumitatem vestris litteris

The Prior' affectionate letter

[1] The Prior was elected in 1338, and the Archbishop was in attendance upon the king in Flanders in 1338–9, which will account for the letter being written at Valenciennes.

to the Arch-bishop, in which he asks leave to admit novices without the usual presentation of them to the Arch-bishop; and he wishes to be allowed to remove from their offices certain officials, appointing others in their places, notwithstanding that the patronage of these offices belongs to the Archbishop.

intimando, fecistis, vobis sicut possum regratior toto corde, cujus tamen plenius sentirem augmentum si vestra venerabili præsentia, visione, et allocutione mutua, firmaretur. Verum sicut experientia didici quod peculiaris gregis vestri Prioris et Capituli Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis (qui continue pro vobis insistunt, prout tenentur ex debito, devotis orationibus apud Deum) salutis, prosperitatis, et gratiæ vere diligitis incrementum, exigit eorum utilitas ut quædam negotia infrascripta, quæ plurimum in vestra dispositione consistunt, vestro consilio et auxilio expeditione celeri terminentur; scire velitis, quod, cum nonnulli de numero confratrum meorum postquam de partibus recessistis sint feliciter in Domino viam universæ carnis ingressi, sitque conveniens et honestum ut in augmentum cultus divini et fratrum numeri competentis alii loco eorum assumentur in brevi, et ob hoc de personis ydoneis per me et vestrum Capitulum, quatenus ad nos pertinet, sit provisum, ad ordinem et regularem habitum admittendis; qui tamen priusquam regulari habitu sint induti, si fieri posset commode, vestræ reverendæ paternitati præsentari deberent, ut personas eorundem possitis paternis oculis intueri; placeat paternitati vestræ prædictæ cum præsentatio hujusmodi nimis foret difficilis in præsenti, ipsis, pro sic præsentatis habitis, dictum habitum libere sumendi concedere licentiam ista vice. Adhuc, pater reverende, expedire crederem pro utilitate communi, ut aliquos de vestris obedientiariis ibidem ab administratione sibi commissa celeriter faceretis absolvi. Supprior enim, præfectus de novo, de statu suo hujusmodi non contentus, ad studium dirigens mentis oculos et affectum, in scolis magis proficere creditur quam in claustro. Sunt etiam duo alii de obedientiariis vestris eisdem, quorum unum novi prorsus inutilem, famam propriam et Ecclesiæ denigrantem, et communi utilitati communiter adversantem, alium vero reputo penitus impotentem. Unde si vestræ re-

verendæ paternitati placeret, ut de ipsis absolvendis, et aliis loco eorundem subrogandis disponerem, vice vestra, in præmissis facerem secundum Deum et bonam conscienciam quod pro utilitate communi magis crederem opportunum. Ad Ecclesiam suam sanctam et vestram cum gaudio vos dirigat virtus Christi. Script., etc.

Vester humilis et devotus Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis.

681.—De porta Curiæ data Alexandro de Stretford per Dominum J. Archiepiscopum. 29 Dec. 1339.

L. 74 *b*.

Arch-bishop Stratford appoints a kinsman to the office of Keeper of the Court Gate of Christ Church.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, (etc.) dilectis in Christo filiis Priori et Capitulo Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum nos Alexandro de Stretford officium Janitoris prioratus nostræ Ecclesiæ antedictæ ipsiusque custodiam, ad nostram collationem spectantes, ad ipsius vitam libere possidendas, contulerimus, cum suis juribus et pertinentiis universis, vobis injungimus et mandamus, quatinus eidem Alexandro, vel procuratori suo ejus nomine, omnia et singula jura et feoda consueta quæ pertinent ad officium supradictum faciatis plene et integre liberari. Et quid facere duxeritis in præmissis nos certificare curetis, per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Datum apud Maydenstan iiij^to^ kalendas Januarii, anno Domini M^o^CCC. tricesimo nono, et translationis nostræ sexto.

682.—Certificatorium super hujusmodi donatione. 2 Jan. 1340.

L. 74 *b*.

The Chapter assents to the

Venerabili in Christo patri et suo domino Domino Johanni Dei gratia, etc., sui humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis obedientiam tam debitam quam devotam, cum omni reverentia

Arch-bishop's gift.

et honore. Mandatum vestræ reverendæ paternitatis nuper recepimus in hæc verba: Johannes, etc. (ut supra). Ad quod quidem mandatum, omnia et singula jura ac feoda consueta quæ ad dictum officium pertinent eidem Alexandro, ad totum terminum vitæ suæ, plene et integre fecimus liberari. Sicque eidem vestro mandato parere curavimus humiliter et devote. Data in Capitulo nostro ij^do^ die mensis Januarii anno Domini supradicto.

(Jan. 1340.)

L. 74 *b*.

683.—Littera missa Domino Archiepiscopo pro Fratre R. Wenchepe.

The Archbishop, who has sentenced a canon of St. Gregory's to be transported to another monastery, is asked to hold his sentence in suspense for a time.

Pater et domine reverende. Intellexi quod Priori Ecclesiæ vestræ Sancti Gregorii Cantuariæ quoddam mandatum direxistis de novo, ad transferendum Fratrem Robertum de Wenchepe, Canonicum dictæ Ecclesiæ vestræ, ad prioratum de Ledes, pro quibusdam certis causis; vestræ paternitati reverendæ, de qua, licet immerito, indubitanter confido, supplico, cum instantia quod possum, quod dictum mandatum remanere poterit in suspenso, quousque de statu suo mutuum potero vobiscum habere colloquium et tractatum. Sinistra quidem quæ de prædicto Fratre Roberto sunt vobis suggesta forsitan non sunt vera, sed, ut timeo, procurata. Tempore namque quo fuit Celerarius dictæ domus, et bona illius ministravit, bene et fideliter se gerebat; quod evidenter patet per compotum suum, coram me auctoritate vestra redditum, prout vos certificavi in certificatorio de dicto compoto vobis misso. Valete, etc.

2 Feb. 1340.

L. 74 *b*.

684.—Acquietancia de capa Londoniensis Episcopi ratione consecrationis suæ.

The Prior acknowledges the

Pateat universis, etc. quod nos Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis recepimus

et habuimus, die confectionis præsentium, a discreto viro Magistro A. de Murymouth Canonico Londoniensi, executore testamenti recolendæ memoriæ Ricardi de Bynteworth nuper Londoniensis Episcopi, unam capam chori, de indeo colore poudratam de vinea rubra cum leonibus et capris alatis de filis deauratis, cum aurifrigio de armis Dominorum Imperatoris et Regis Angliæ; in qua dictus Dominus Ricardus, ratione novæ creationis suæ, nobis et nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ tenebatur. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Data apud Southwerk secundo die Februarii, anno Domini millesimo CCC. tricesimo nono.

tardy payment of a *cappa professionalis* from the executor of a late Bishop of London.

685.—De pace in causa litigata notificata Curiæ Domini Archiepiscopi.

April 1340.

L. 75 *a.*

Salutem et sinceram amorem. Quia in negotio moto inter nos et Gervasium Alard, super transgressione facta per eum nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensi, sumus pacificati ad præsens, in negotio memorato ulterius prosequi, ad instantiam nostram nec ex officio, non oporteat ista vice. In Christo semper valeatis. Script., etc.

The Official of the Archbishop's Court is asked to withdraw an action.

686.—Confirmatio super advocationibus ecclesiarum de Bocton et Prestone concessis Abbati et Conventui de Faversham.

8 April 1340.

L. 75 *a.*

Universis ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint Robertus permissione divina Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem in Domino. Litteras patentes venerabilis patris Domini Johannis, Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, totius Angliæ Primatis, etc. nuper inspeximus sanas et integras, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:

The Archbishop confirms the transfer of the advowsons of two churches to Faversham Abbey.

"Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archi-

" episcopus, etc. omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ " pervenerint, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. " Noveritis, nos dedisse concessisse, et hanc præsenti " carta nostra confirmasse, Abbati et Conventui de " Faversham advocationes ecclesiarum de Bocton " under the Blee et de Prestone juxta Osprengg, in " comitatu Kancia, in escambium pro manerio de " Trynge cum pertinentiis in comitatu Hertford. " Habendas et tenendas prædictas advocationes " ecclesiarum prædictis Abbati et Conventui de " Faversham et successoribus suis imperpetuum, " de Domino Rege et heredibus suis in puram et " perpetuam elemosynam. Et nos prædictus Archie- " piscopus et successores nostri prædictas advocationes " ecclesiarum prædictis Abbati et Conventui de Favers- " ham et successoribus suis contra omnes gentes " warrantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei testi- " monium huic præsenti cartæ nostræ sigillum nostrum " apposuimus. Data apud Lamheth iij^io^ die Aprilis, " anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum " Angliæ xiiij° et regni sui Franciæ primo."

Nos hujusmodi donationem, concessionem, et confirmationem præfatis Abbati et Conventui de Faversham factas, prout litteræ dicti patris plene testantur, gratas habemus pariter et acceptas, et eas, quantum ad nos pertinet, ratificamus et approbamus; salvis nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ omnibus juribus, libertatibus, consuetudinibus, et privilegiis nostris, tam sede Cantuariensi vacante quam etiam ipsa plena. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus duximus apponendum. Data in Capitulo nostro viij^vo^ die mensis Aprilis anno supradicto.

(April 1340). L. 75 *a*.

687.—LITTERA RESPONSALIS SUPER CREDENCIA AUDITA NOBIS FACTA PER ARCHIEPISCOPUM.

The Chapter agree to confer a

Pater et domine reverende, credenciam per discretum virum Magistrum J. de Leech, Cancellarium vestrum,

ex parte vestra prudenter michi et fratribus expositam intellexi satis plene. Et habito diutino tractatu super nobis expositis per eundem, sperantes vos velle indempnitati vestræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ providere, et eidem pro indempnitate hujusmodi certam constituere annuam pensionem, ut futuris temporibus servetur illæsa, et de qua dicta Ecclesia merito debeat contentari, prout dictus clericus vester vobis referre poterit, velle vestrum adimplevimus quod insistis, rogantes dominationem vestram, si placet, quatinus eidem ex parte nostra velitis credere in dicendis. Ad Ecclesiæ Christi regimen vos conservet Altissimus in prosperitate votiva. Script., etc.

pension at the request of the Archbishop.

688.—LITTERA PRO NEGOTIIS AMICI EXPEDIENDIS.

(April 1343.)

L. 75 *a*.

A letter of credence.

Salutem. Cum A. de B. habeat quædam negotia penes vos expedienda, vos rogamus quatinus in expeditione prædicta, quatenus juste poteritis, vos exhibere velitis eidem, nostri contemplatione, favorabiles et benignos. Ita quod has nostras preces sibi sentiat profuisse. In Christo valeatis. Script., etc.

689.—LITTERA TESTIMONIALIS JOHANNIS ATTE LEWE IN LEGITIMO MATRIMONIO PROCREATI.

27 May 1340.

L. 181 *a*.

Certificate of legitimate birth.

Universis etc. Robertus etc. Prior etc. Universitati vestræ, caritatis intuitu, duximus intimandum, quod Radulfus, filius Ricardi atte Lewe, quondam serviens Willelmi Derby apud Eversle in parochia de Westwell procreavit Johannem atte Lewe, filium suum, exhibitorem præsentium, de quadam Sabyna, filia Johannis atte Snode de eadem parochia, uxore sua legitima, in matrimonio legitimo inter ipsos Radulfum et Sabynam contracto, et in ecclesia de Westwell prædicta publice solempnizato, prout hoc ex testimonio fidedignorum accepimus, et est idem a pluribus satis notum. In

cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ xxvij° die mensis Maii anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo.

(June 1340.) L. 75 *a*. A monk studying in Oxford has leave to remain up during the long vacation.

690.—De licencia concessa fratribus commorandi in scolis.

Salutem, et ad scientiæ plenitudinem pervenire. Memoriter retinemus, qualiter ante recessum vestrum ad scolas, ad vestram petitionem, vobis concessimus, per tempus vacationis ibidem morari, sicut nobis per litteras vestras noviter direxistis. Verum, quia mora vestra in studio vobis erit, ut speramus firmiter, fructuosa, vobis ad præsens, sicut in dicto recessu, concedimus velle vestrum. De reditu vero Fratris J. de Frome cum aliis fratribus nostris suæ relinquimus arbitrio voluntatis. Valete.

(June 1340.) L. 75 *a*. Means provided for the return to Canterbury of the Oxford students.

691.—Littera ut fratres ad domum recedant

Salutem. Mittimus pro vobis et fratre T. de B. duos equos ut, visis præsentibus, curetis ad propria festinare (rebus tamen vestris convenienter dispositis necnon ordinatis) ut solempnitati Beati Thomæ, patroni nostri martyris gloriosi, una nobiscum interesse valeatis, ad ejus laudem et honorem. Et si aliqua negotia per vos incepta, manerium nostrum de Newenton concernentia, vobis oportebit imperfecta relinquere, per Fratrem J. de Oxene compleantur, vestra informatione mediante. Mittimus quoque unum equum in eventum pro Fratre J. Frome, ut, si sibi expediat, nos et Ecclesiam nostram poterit visitare. Pecuniam etiam nostram, pro qua alias vobis scripsimus, et vos per litteras vestras dictam pecuniam nobis promisistis in festo Natalis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ jam præterito transmisisse, necnon totam pecuniam quam de Thoma Queynterel habere poteritis vobiscum integre deferatis. Valete.

692.—COMMISSIO DE BOSCO VENDITO [ET] DE CARIAGIO FACIENDO EXTRA HUJUSMODI VENDICIONE. (1340.) L. 62 *a*.

Sachez toutz gentz, etc. qe nous Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour del Esglise de Cauntorbirs avoms venduz as Walter Ketyrich de Schaldeforde et Henri atte Stegele de Stystede vint acres de boys, en nostre Park de Bockyngg, mesurez par lestandard le Roy Dengleterre. Et avoms grantez as ditz Walter et Henry jour dabardier [et] carier hors pleinement le dit boys contenuz en les dites vint acres, de la feste Seint Michel lan du reingne le Roy Edward tiers, etc. xiiij., tanqe a la feste Seint Michel proschein ensuyvaunt. Donez a Cantorbirs le ve. jour de Juyl lan susdit.

The Prior sells the timber of twenty acres of wood, allowing the purchasers twelve months to remove it.

693.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA UT FRATER EGIDIUS VALEAT TENERE ECCLESIAM DE CHILHAM AD FIRMAM SICUT ABBAS DE LANGEDONE TENET EANDEM. (July 1340.) L. 75 *a*.

Pater reverende. Ex relatu dilecti michi in Christo Fratris Egidii, monachi monasterii Sancti Bertini Morinensis diœcesis, verisimiliter intellexi quod Abbas de Langedone ecclesiam parochialem de Chilleham cum capella de Molessch eidem annexa, Cantuariensis diœcesis, eidem monasterio Sancti Bertini appropriatam, tenet nunc ad firmam, de Domino nostro Rege Angliæ ad suæ beneplacitum voluntatis, in prædicti Fratris Egidii, procuratoris dicti monasterii Sancti Bertini, dampnum, præjudicium, et gravamen. Attendens igitur fraternæ caritatis vinculum inter fratres et monachos Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis et prædictum Monasterium Sancti Bertini ac fratres ejusdem, ob sinceræ dilectionis beneficia mutuo ad invicem impartita, antiquitus ordinatum et feliciter observatum, reverendam paternitatem vestram pro præfato Fratre Egidio duxi

The Prior recommends a farmer for the rectory of Chilham (appropriated to St. Bertin's Abbey, but in the King's hand in consequence of the French war).

humiliter exorandam; quatinus dictam ecclesiam cum capella ejusdem eidem, monasterio Sancti Bertini appropriatas, idem Frater Egidius de dicto Domino nostro Rege optinere valeat, modo et forma quibus dictus Abbas de Langedone ipsas tenuerit, vestro auxilio mediante; qui de firma hujusmodi Domino nostro Regi fideliter respondebit, et securitatem inveniet quoad hoc competentem. Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas per prosperos pacis annos. Script., etc.

11 Nov. (1340).
L. 75 *b*.

694.—LITTERA MISSA MAGISTRO R. THRESK PROCURATORI NOSTRO IN CURIA ROMANA SUPER QUIBUSDAM TANGENTIBUS CAPITULUM GENERALE.

An appeal to Rome in the matter of the Provincial

Salutem, et sanctis principiis sanctum conjungere finem. Quia datum est nobis intelligi quod Monachi Nigri totius regni Angliæ, in Capitulo generali ultimo celebrato, ordinaverunt et unanimiter consenserunt

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(1340.)
L. 75 *b*.

695.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA MISSA DOMINO T. DE BOURNE, MILITI.

A letter of compliments sent to a friend. (A Kentish knight serving in France?)

Salutz, etc. Trescher amy, nous vous mercioms quantqe nous pooms de ceo qe vous voiriez travoiller de faire lettres pour nous maundier de les noveles qe furent en voz parties; les queles furent molt confortantes et joyousses as nous et as noz amys. Pur quey nous sumes et serroms prest a vous et as lez voz, en quantque nous purrioms, faire d(h)onur ou de profist, solonc nostre poair sanz nulle faintisse. Et vous prioms cherementes, qe vous veullez signifier de vostre estat, qe Dieux maintiegne al honur de luy et de vous, sicome meismes desiroms estre par sa grace aidez et maintenuz. Et vous plese savoir, cher amy, qe a la fesaunce de cestes estoioms sayn de corps et dalme sicome nous esperoms, quiele chose desiroms de vous et

quod duo monachi Domino nostro Papæ mitterentur, pro contumacia quam nobis imponunt, eo quod ad dictum Capitulum illorum, sicut ceteri de ordine nostro, juxta novas constitutiones, non eramus cum eisdem; quas qnidem constitutiones, ut credimus, non ignoratis. Verum quia Ecclesia nostra Cantuariensis omnium Ecclesiarum, occidentalium est et esse solebat mater et domina, nobis, ut videtur, non deceret matrem per filias ancillari. Quare vos affectuose rogamus, quatinus si contra personam nostram, vel Ecclesiæ nostræ libertates, aliquid attemptari contigerit, vestrum consilium nobis rescribere velitis sine mora; ne, ob defectum defensionis sive præmunitionis, Ecclesiæ nostræ præjudicium generetur. Adhuc, quia in confectione præsentium nostram voluntatem vobis significare ad plenum non potuimus, latorem istarum informavimus, qui vota nostra vobis explicabit viva voce. Semper in Christo valete. Scriptum Cantuariæ xj^mo die Novembris. Benedictine Chapter.

695.

Greeting. Very dear friend, we thank you all we can for that you have taken the trouble to send to us letters of the news in your parts; which letters were very consoling and joyous to us and our friends. Wherefore we are and shall be ready, as far as we can, to act for the honour and profit of you and yours, to the utmost of our power, without any deception. And we heartily pray you to inform us of your prosperity, which may God preserve to his and your honour, even as we ourselves would desire to be helped and sustained by his grace. And please to know, dear friend, that at the time of writing these letters we were sound in body and mind (as we hope), which same fact for you and yours we desire to learn by our sight rather than by your letters. God be

de voz amys, plus volentiers de ver qe doyer. A Dieu trescher amy qi vous donit bien esploit en toutes voz busoignes, selonc sa grace et vostre plesaunce. Escript, etc.

(1341.)
L. 76 *a.*

696.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA MISSA COMITI HUNTYNGDON DE QUIBUSDAM DOMINUM ARCHIEPISCOPUM ET NOS TANGENTIBUS.

The Earl of Huntingdon (Clinton) is thanked for his assistance given to the Convent in connexion with Risborough manor. He is also told of the outrageous behaviour of some enemies of the Archbishop, who (under pretext of a debt which he had incurred to the Duke of Brabant on behalf of the King) came to cite him to go over sea.

Salutz, et toutes choses esploitees solonc son desir. Treshonurable Sire, nous et toutz noz fraires vous mercioms de cuer de vostre grante bounte et travoil qe vous avez fait pur nous et nostre Esglise de noz busoignes de Ryssebergh; de quieles busoignes nous sentons estre aidez. Et pur ceo qe nous ne sumes pas de poair de rendre a vous les biensfaitz qe vous avez faitz a nous en nulle altre manere mais de prier a Dieu pur vous, quiele chose nous et noz fraires fessons et ferrons continualment, sicome nous sumes de reson tenuz. Et ore vous plese, trescher Sire, savoir, qe le Viscounte de Buks ad comaundez et fest batre noz bleez en noz manoires illeoqes, et les veust vendre, ove nostre estor et les blez qi sont ore in terre, sicome nous est donez entendre de certein. Daltre part, Sire, vous plese savoir qe y ceo Dymenge drein passez Sire William de Kyllesby vint a Caunterbirs en pelrinage a houre de tierce, quiele houre nous esteimes amanger ove nostre Seignur Lercevesqe, et nous envoiames a luy payn vin et cervoise, sicome la manere est, et il la reseceut bonement; et tantost apres manger vindrent a la chaumbre Lercevesqe deux Brabantz, et deux sergeantz darmes, et deux notaires, et plusours autres de par le Duc de Braban, et disoient qils avoient lettres de par le dit Duc a nostre Seignur Lercevesqe. Et Lercevesqe maunda tantost a eux Monsire Thomas de Brochulle qe les

with, very dear friend, and may he grant you a happy issue in all your undertakings, by his grace and to your pleasure.

696.

(We wish) greeting and all things prospering after his desire. Most honourable Sire, we and all our brethren heartily thank you for your great goodness shown to us and our Church in our business at Risborough, in which we are sensible of your help. And because it is not in our power to repay to you the favours which you have conferred upon us otherwise than by prayers to God on your behalf, we therefore and our brethren, as we are in justice bound to do, offer these, and shall offer them continually. But now, very dear Sire, please to understand that the Sheriff of Buckinghamshire has ordered and caused our corn to be thrashed in our manor there, and is desirous of selling it, together with our stock and the crops on the land, as we have been certainly assured. Again Sire, please to understand that on Sunday last Sir William de Kyllesby came in pilgrimage to Canterbury at noon, at which time we were dining with our Lord the Archbishop, and, as our custom is, we sent out to him bread, wine, and ale, which he received politely; and then, soon after dinner, there came to the Archbishop's chamber two Brabanters, two armed bailiffs, two notaries, and many others, on behalf of the Duke of Brabant; and they said that they had letters from the said Duke to our Lord the Archbishop. So the Archbishop promptly sent Master Thomas de Brochill to them, saying, that the messengers were welcome to him, and that if they chose to come with one notary and one

messagiers fuerent bien venuz a lui, et sils voleient venir ove un notaire et chivaler, ou deux, qil les resceuvereit et orreit volentiers ; et les ditz messagiers disoient certeignement qe ceo ne ferroient ils pas sils ne poient avoir deux notaires. Et pur ceo qe Lercevesqe avoit connascience devers lun de eux, cest assavoir Geffrey notaire de Seint Augustyn, il ne voleit mye graunt a eux lur volente, et ensi departirent, et sen alerent en la ville a Sire Willeam de Kyllesby ; et tantost le dit Sire W. fesoit une crie devant la porte de nostre Esglise, et pronuncia illeoqes une somounce a nostre Seignur Lercevesqe de par le Duc de Braban, qil alast outre mier pur la dette qe le dit Ercevesqe est tenuz a lui et as autres marchantz par sa foy et serment. Et apres ceo pronuncia illeoqes, qe le Roi avoit envoiez ses lettres au Priour de Caunterbires, le quiel Priour ne voleit estre trovez de recevire les dites lettres. De quiele crie nous estions tantost certifiez, et nous alames devers Sire W. de Killesby de nous avoir escusez, le quiel fuist alez avant qe nous purrions issier noz portes. Pur quei par conseil Lercevesqe et chivaliers et autres nous alames a la crois devant nostre porte, ou les choses furent pronunciez, et devant tout le poeple deymes qe nul messageier ne vint a nous, ne demaunda pur nous, et qe nous ne savions de tieux messages avant la crie ; et deymes plus-outre qe si nul y fuist qeust lettres ou altre message de par nostre Seignur le Roi a nous, qe nous fumes la prest, et esteimes et serrons, de les recevire, et de faire ceo qe nous sumes tenuz de reson. Et pur ceo qe nous doutens qil nous sousmettra desobeissaunce a nostre dit Seignur le Roi, vous prioms Sire cherement qe vous nous veullez escuser en ceste matere ; kar certeignementes nous ne savions de nulles lettres venuz a nous de par nostre Seignur le Roi, ne nule alme demaunda pur nous, ne nous certifia de nulle manere

knight, or even two, that then he would willingly receive them and listen to them; but the said messengers said they would do nothing of the kind, unless they had two notaries. And because the Archbishop had already acquaintance with one of them, that is to say, with Geoffrey the notary of St. Augustine's, he was not willing to grant their demand, and so they departed, and went off into the town to Sir William de Kyllesby; and thereupon the said Sir W. made an outcry in front of our church gate, and published there a citation of our Lord the Archbishop, on behalf of the Duke of Brabant, requiring him to go over sea, on account of a debt for which the said Archbishop is bound to him, and to others who are merchants on his security. And after this he proclaimed there that the King had sent his letters to the Prior of Canterbury, and that the said Prior declined to be seen for the purpose of the delivery of the said letters. We were soon informed of this outcry, and we went to Sir W. de Kyllesby, in order to excuse ourselves, but he was gone before we could get out of our gate. Things being so, by advice of the Archbishop and his knights and others, we went to the (market)-cross which stands before our gate, where the proclamation had been made, and there, before all the people, we declared that no messenger had come into our presence, nor had even asked for us, and that we had not heard of any such messenger before the outcry. And we said, moreover, that if there were any such who had letters or any other message from the King to us, that there we were, as we had been and as we should be, ready to receive them, and to do all that in justice we were bound to do. And because we suspect he will subject us to a charge of disobedience to our said Lord the King, we pray you, Sire, most heartily, that you will be kind enough to plead our excuse in this matter; for of a truth we knew of no letters from the King sent to us, nor did any single soul ask for us or in any way

des messagers; la quiele chose serra bien trovez et prouvez par toutes les bone gentz du pays. A Dieu, etc.

(1341.) 697.—Littera regratiatoria missa eidem.

L. 76 *a*.

The Prior hopes that the Earl will soon visit Canterbury.

Treshonurable Sire, nous vous mercions de tout nostre cuer de ceo qe vous pleust nous visiter par vos lettres, par les quieles nous avons entenduz qe vous estes en bone sauncte, dont en loez soit nostre Seignur Jesus Crist; et endroit de nostre persone nous estoions en sancte du corps a la fesaunce de cestes, mais nostre cuer anges,[1] troblez par les causes dont nous vous avons avant ces houres fait travoiller, mais nous esperons qe a vostre venue en noz parties serrons savez et pleynement confortez. Et entendre veullez decertein, Sire, qe toutz grantz et petitz de noz parties desiront molt vostre presence, et priont molt tendrement, qils vous puissent veer entre eux en bone sauncte; et pur ceo qe il est escript qe *grant peril est en longe demeure*, veullez ordiner noz parties, sicome vous poez bonements, en haste visiter. Daltre part, Sire, vous plese savoir qe Symekyn Symeon vint y ceo Dymange proschein passez des parties de dela, et les novelles qil porta dilleoqes nous entendons qe nostre Seignur Lercevesqe vous ad certifiez; altres novelles, Sire, ne savions a la fesaunce de cestes. A Dieu, trescher Seignur, qi vous donit sa grace de voz busoignes esploiter a volente. Escript, etc.

9 Dec. (1340). 698.—Littera missa servienti nostro de Hadelegh ad informationem habendam de terra concedenda rectori ibidem.

L. 76 *b*.

The rector of Hadleigh proposes to

Salutz. Pur ceo qe y liad parlaunce entre nous et le persone de Hadelegh, de lessier a luy une partie de

[1] *angersi*, Ital.

inform us of such messengers. And these things can be fully told and proved by the good men of the place.

697.

Most honourable Sire, we thank you with all our heart that you have been pleased to favour us with your letters, from which we learn that you are in good health, praised for it be Our Lord Jesus Christ ; and as for ourself, we were sound in body at the time of this present writing, but our heart grieves, being troubled by the causes with which we have occupied you before this; but we hope that with your arrival in our parts we shall be saved and fully consoled. And know for certain, Sire, that all men great and small in our parts much long for your presence, and they pray very affectionately that they may see you amongst them in good heaith ; and, since it is written *there is danger in delay*, will you arrange as well as you can to visit our parts speedily. Moreover, Sire, please to show that Simpkin Simeon came last Sunday from beyond the sea, and we understand that the Archbishop has informed you of the news which he brought thence; at the time of this writing we know no other news. A Dieu, &c.

698.

Greeting. Whereas there is a talk between us and the parson of Hadleigh about leasing to him a piece of the

take on lease from the Convent a piece of meadow-land adjoining the manor-house of Christ Church.

nostre pree junant a nostre gardyn de nostre manoir illeoqes, pur une certeigne rente par an; et nous ne savoms la quantite, ni quiele nuissaunce puist avenier a nous sil eust cele piece par nostre les; par quey nous vous commaundons qe, vewes cestes, facez mesurier cele dite place en long et en lee; et aplustost qe vous poetz apres ceste faiste de Nowel soiez a nous a Cauntorbires, de nous enfourmier de toutes maneres choses, profists ou nuissaunces, touchauntes cestes busoignes. A Dieu, etc. Escripts a Cauntorbirs le ix. jour de Decembre.

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12 Dec. 1340.

L. 76 *a*.

699.—Littera pensionaria concessa Magistro J. de Leech.

A pension granted to a person whose advice is useful to the Convent.

Universis, etc. Robertus permissione, etc. et ejusdem salutem, etc. Probitatis et prudentiæ dilecti nobis in Christo Magistri Johannis de Leech merita recolentes, speramus quod ejus consilium et auxilium nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ futuris temporibus fore non mediocriter opportuna, dedimus et concessimus eidem Magistro Johanni, de nostra gratia speciali, pro fideli et diligenti consilio suo et auxilio nobis exhibitis et exhibendis, annuam pensionem lx. solidorum, in thesauraria nostra apud Cantuariam singulis annis quamdiu vixerit, in festo Natalis Domini, persolvendam. Si vero contingat præfatum Magistrum Johannem, etc. ut patet in folio . . .[1] præcedenti. In cujus rei, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro xij° die mensis Decembris anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo.

(1340.) Cart. Ant. R. 44.

700.—Rysbergh et Newenton.

An adviser warns the Convent that the son of a

Eandem quam sibi salutem. Quia multi multa loquuntur in partibus de Newenton de tenemento quod fuit quondam Laurencii de Berewyk, nativi vestri, necessarium duxi vobis aliqua de dicta materia

[1] pp. 205 and 220.

meadow, adjoining the garden of our manor-house there, at a certain annual rent; and as we do not know the quantity of the land, nor what injury might accrue to us if he held this piece of ground from us by lease, we therefore require you that, on sight of these letters, you cause the said ground to be measured both in length and breadth; and that, as soon after this coming Christmas as you can, you be with us at Canterbury, in order to inform us of all the circumstances, profitable or otherwise, touching this matter.

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significare. Sciatis igitur, quod quidam Hugo de Berewyk, filius Symonis de Berewyk, in jure regni bene fundatus, ut dicitur, venturus est Cantuariam infra breve, una cum filio dicti Laurencii, prout idem Hugo michi retulit, viva voce humiliter petiturus, ut placeat Domino Priori et Conventui concedere tenementum dicti Laurencii filio suo, tenendum secundum usagium manerii serviliter, et faciendum Domino pro dicto tenemento prout pater suus facere consuevit. Et forte portabit secum litteras Dominorum Egidii de Badlesmere et Eadmundi de Bereford (quorum dictus Hugo familiaris existit) supplicatorias Domino Priori, ut ejus peticioni annuat in hac parte. Faciatis ergo sibi solacium cum venerit et humanitatem, poterit enim vobis alibi valere; deliberantes interim quid sibi respondebitis, cum venerit, ad petita. Et sciatis, quod multi sunt in partibus illis qui tamen confidunt de desidia vel pocius vecordia nostra, quare filio dicti Laurencii libenter assisterent, si partem illam contra nos arriperet quam nativi nostri de Rysbergh nuper attemptarunt; scilicet ut filius, defuncto patre, tenementum per heryettum ingrediatur, nichil aliud pro ingressu Domino solvendo; quod utique Ecclesiæ nostræ intollerabile præjudicium vergeret et gravamen. Valete.

tenant in villeinage, accompanied by a kinsman learned in the law, is about to come to Canterbury to obtain, as a matter of course, admission to his late father's tenement.

(1340.) 701.—[Littera de corrodio non dando.]

L. B. 24.

The Convent, pleading the King's former promise of exemption from such exactions, excuse themselves from giving a corrody to the King's Minstrel (or Watch-Man?)

A tresexcellent Prince et lur treschier Seignur Sire Edward par la grace Dieux Roy Dengleterre, Seignur Dirlande, et Duc Daquitayne, ly soens tutz humbles et tresdevoutz Chapeleyns Priour et Covent de Christchurche de Canterbire en quelconque ils plus scievent et pownt de subjection, honours, et totes reverences. Pur ceo, tresnoble Seignur, que vous nous avez prye et mande, par vos honourables lettres, que nous vodrions bonement receyvur en nostre meison Nichol de Wycombe vostre Gayte,[1] et luy fayr ministrer autiele sustenance en nostre meson come Johan Griffon y avoit tant come il vesquist, solom le purport des vos autres lettres queles nous vyndrent souz vostre grand seal; voyletz entendre, tresexcellent Prince, que bien treys ans et plus avant la date de vos dites lettres, pur especiale devocion et sancte que vous avyez devers le glorious martir Dieux Seynt Thomas, le seynt cors de qi en la dite eglise de Canterbire est translate, et pur autres certeynes causes devoutes et verrayes, vous, treschier Seignur, avez grante et, par vos chartres de privilege souz vostre grant seal, confirme a vostre dite Eglise de Cant'burys, et a nous perpetuement, que nous ne seyons tenuz a granter, ne destre charge de teles sustenances ministrer, solom vos mandementz, et vos (nos?) prieres; ayns volez treschier seignur, que nous soyons en quiete subsechement sans nul tiel charge. Et dautre part, tresaime Seignur et tresnoble, nous sumes charges de divers travailes et continuels despenses, plus que autres ne sont, e nomement en veilant personnalement, par plusurs de nos freres et autres de nos gentz, en tour la mer pur defendre vostre reagme de vos enemys, qui souvente vostre reigme et nous assailent et sourqmergent. Pur

[1] Gayte = Wayt = Vigil. *See* p. 212.

701.

To the most excellent Prince and their very dear Lord, Sir Edward by the grace of God, &c., his entirely humble and very dutiful chaplains the Prior and Convent of Christ Church in Canterbury, in all possible subjection, honours, and all respects. Whereas, most noble Lord, you, by your honourable letters, have required and demanded of us that we should of good will receive Nicholas of Wycombe, your wayte, into our house, and cause a maintenance to be provided for him such as John Griffon had here as long as he lived, according to the tenor of your other letters which have come to us under your great seal; be pleased to understand, most excellent Prince, that, a good three years and more before the date of your said letters, through the especial and holy devotion that you had towards that glorious martyr of God Saint Thomas, whose blessed body is translated into the said church, and through other devout and real causes, you, very dear Lord, granted and, by your charters of privileges under your great seal, you perpetually confirmed to your said church of Canterbury and to us, that we should not be bound to grant, nor be charged with the supplying of maintenances of this kind, in accordance with your commands, and your (our ?) prayers, and so be pleased, very dear Lord, that we be hereafter quit and free from any such burthen. On the other hand, our well-beloved and most noble Lord, we are weighted with labour and continual expenses beyond all others, and in this especially that by several of our brethren and others of our people we keep personal watch by sea. to defend your realm from your enemies, who often assail and overrun your kingdom and us. Wherefore, most glorious Prince, be not displeased that we cannot make the concession

quei tresglorious Prince ne vous despleise que nous ne pouvoms fair grant sur ceo que vous avez mande par vos dites lettres; vostre tresgraciouse privilege susdit ayns promis devoutement que vous nous avez grante, et nos dites despences et travailes seyent allouwes en regard de seynt charite, et pur la devotion del dit glorious martir Seynt Thomas; kar, treshaut Seignur, autrement le dit privilege nous vaudreyt poy, s'il nous ne fust alouwe, et nomement en lestat et plyt que nous sumes meyntenant; et pourtant nous esperons, et vous prions, treschier Seigneur, que de voste benignite vous nous voylez aver en ceo cas pur escuses. Nostre Seignur Ihu. Crist, ly tut puissant, vous sauve et garde tresexcellent Prince et tresnoble, sour tous vos enemys vous doygne puissance et victorie gloriouse, bone vie et longe. Donez souz nostre commun seal a Cant'bire, le, etc.

(1340.) 702.—[Breve regium de scutagio de Illegh.]

L. 59 *a*.

The King's writ exempting the manor of Monk's Eleigh from payment of scutage.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, etc. Thesaurariis et Baronibus de Scaccario, salutem. Ex parte dilecti nobis in Christo Prioris Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis nobis est ostensum, quod, cum ipse Prior teneat, idemque Prior et prædecessores ejusdem loci semper hactenus a tempore quo memoria non existit tenuerunt, manerium de Illegh Monachorum in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, et non de nobis per servitium militare; collectores tamen scutagii de exercitu nostri Scociæ, de anno regni nostri quarto, in comitatu Suffolk, ipsum Priorem ad scutagium, nobis pro eodem manerio ratione exercitus prædicti præstandum, ac si manerium illud de nobis per servitium militare tenet cum non teneat, distringi et ipsum ea occasione inquietari faciant, minus juste, in ipsius Prioris dispendium non modicum et gravamen. Et quia nolumus quod idem Prior injurietur in hac parte,

which you have required in your said letters, allowance being made for your most gracious privilege aforesaid (so devoutly promised) that you have granted to us, and also for our above-named expenses and labours for the sake of holy charity and devotion to the aforesaid glorious martyr Saint Thomas; for, your Highness, otherwise the said privilege would be worth but little to us, if this allowance were not made, especially in the condition and plight in which we now find ourselves; and so we hope, and, very dear Lord, we pray you, that of your kindness you will in this case hold us excused. Our Lord Jesus Christ, Omnipotent, preserve and keep you most excellent and most noble Prince, and give you over all your enemies might and victory, with a good life and long. Given under our common seal at Canterbury, &c.

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vobis mandamus quod, si per inspectionem rotulorum et memorandorum de scutagio prædicto, aut per inquisitionem inde faciendam, aut alio modo legitime vobis constare poterit ita esse, tunc ipsum Priorem de hujusmodi scutagio, nobis pro eodem manerio ratione exercitus prædicti præstando, quietum esse permittatis. Et districtionem ei ea occasione factam eidem Priori sine dilatione relaxari faciatis. Teste meipso, etc.

703.—[De scutagio non solvendo apud Illeghe.] 20 April 1340.

L. 59 *a*.

Finding of the inquest, consequent on the above-written writ.

Inquisitio facta coram Thoma Barret [et] Petro Gernegan, Collectoribus scutagii Domini Regis in comitatu Suffolk, de exercitu suo Scotiæ anno regni sui quinto, apud Henhowe, die Jovis in septimana Paschæ anno quartodecimo, virtute cujusdam brevis Domini Regis dictis Thomæ et Petro directi, pro Priore

Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, per Ricardum de Grotene, Petrum Botelir, Johannem de Lavenham, Ricardum Cakebred, Ricardum Wastman, Rogerium de Grotene, Johannem Medewey, Johannem atte Hulle, Robertum atte Oke, Ricardum de Burton, Alanum Molt, et Johannem Hamme, juratos; qui dicunt super sacramentum eorum, quod Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis tenet manerium de Illegh Monachorum in comitatu Suffolk, et prædecessores sui Priores ejusdem loci tenuerunt dictum manerium a tempore quo memoria non existit, in liberam, puram, et perpetuam elemosinam, et non Domino Rege in capite per servitium militare.

23 Mar. (1341).

L. 75 *b*.

704.—Littera Domini J. Archiepiscopi, ad transmittendum sibi copiam commissionis ad colligendum quadrantem de libra pro expensis Nuntiorum Dominorum Cardinalium, et quantum collectum fuit, et de quota, et de arreragiis.

The Archbishop asks for a copy of the commission by virtue of which a farthing in the pound of ecclesiastical benefices was collected for the procurations of the Cardinal Nuntii.

Salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Certis de causis nos moventibus, volumus et mandamus quod copiam commissionis vestræ, ad colligendum quadrantem de libra de omnibus bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis nostræ Cantuariensis provinciæ, pro expensis quorundam nuntiorum Dominorum Cardinalium dudum ad Angliam transmissorum, in dicta provincia per vos factæ; quantumque in singulis diœcesibus per vos collectum fuit et receptum; et de quota nobis in ea parte soluta; et arreragia, si quæ fuerint in hac parte, nobis sub sigillo vestro distincte et aperte per harum bajulum, transmittatis. Valete. Data apud Maydenstane x^mo kalendas Aprilis.

705.—Responsio ad hanc litteram per Priorem. 30 Mar. (1341).

Pater reverende, vestras nuper recepi litteras, effectualiter continentes, quod copiam commissionis meæ, ad colligendum quadrantem de libra de omnibus bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis vestræ Cantuariensis provinciæ, pro expensis quorundam nuntiorum Dominorum Cardinalium dudum ad Angliam transmissorum, in dicta provincia per me factæ; quantumque in singulis diœcesibus per me collectum fuit et receptum; et de quota vobis in hac parte soluta; et arreragia si qui fuerint in hac parte, sub sigillo meo distincte transmitterem et aperte. Volens igitur vestris hujusmodi litteris humiliter et devote parere, vobis sub sigillo meo copiam commissionis factæ per me nuper, ad colligendum quadrantem de libra de omnibus bonis et beneficiis ecclesiasticis supradictis, non solum pro expensis nuntiorum dictorum Dominorum Cardinalium, sed similiter pro expensis venerabilis viri Domini Petri Burgundionis de Romanis, Domini nostri Papæ in Anglia nuntii specialis, prout ex inspectione commissionis ejusdem liquere poterit evidenter. Mitto etiam vobis quandam cedulam separatam sub eodem sigillo, in qua summarie continentur quantum in singulis diœcesibus per me collectum extitit et receptum; quantumque vobis in ea parte traditum extitit vel solutum. Sed de arreragiis in aliis diœcesibus nondum in hac parte solutis, vos ad plenum certificare nescirem, quia non habeo registrum certam et veram taxationem continens in præmissis. Valeat Dominus meus et pater in Christo et Matre ejus virgine gloriosa. Datum apud West Welles penultimo die Martii.

L. 75 *b*.

The Prior's answer to the above.

19 May (1341).

L. 76 *b*.

706.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA MISSA DOMINO REGI PRO ECCLESIA OMNIUM SANCTORUM DE GERSTRETE IN LONDON.

The Prior, on the plea that the Pope has already provided a clerk for the benefice of All Hallows, excuses himself from giving it to the King's nominee.

A treshonurable et excellent prince, Sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre et de Fraunce, et Seignur Dirland, le soen chapelleyn Priour del Esglise de Cantorbires, salutz, et sauncte de corps et dalme. Treshonurable Seignur, endroit de ceo qe vous mavez maundez par voz lettres, qe jeo vorroi vouch sauff a vostre cher clerk Richard de Eccleshale lesglise de Toutz Seints en Gerstrete en Loundres, qest ja vacant, vous plese savoir, trescher Seignur, qe jeo sui et serroi prest, quantqe en moi est, de faire voz commaundementz en ceo cas et en toutz altres. Mais por ceo qil ont plusours clercs qi chalengent meisme cele esglise, par auctorite et provisioun de nostre Seint Piere Lapostoille de Rome, et ont fait lour proces countre moi et mon Covent, par quey mes mayns sont liez, si qe rienz ne puis faire quant a cel, si jeo ne fuisse desobeissaunt a nostre dit Seint Piere, en grant peril de moi et de mon Covent, vous prie, treshonurable Seignur, et requeir humblement, qe plese a vostre treshonurable seignurie moi avoir escusez en ceo cas, par enchesons susdites. Treshonurable Seignur, nostre Sire Jesu Crist vous donit grace en terre, et la joye perdurable. Escript a Cantorbires y ceo Samady le xix[e] jour de May.

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7 June 1341.

L. 76 *b*.

707.—LITTERA MISSA CUIDAM CARDINALI PRO NEGOTIIS INFERIUS SCRIPTIS EXPEDIENDIS ET PROCURANDIS.

A Cardinal, who is the patron of

Venerabili in Christo suo patri et domino reverendo, Domino Bertrando, divina providentia Sanctæ

706.

To the right honourable and excellent prince, Sir Edward by the grace of God King of England, &c., his chaplain the Prior of the Church of Canterbury, greeting, and health of body and soul. Right honourable Lord, concerning that which you have commanded me by your letters namely that I would promise to your dear clerk Richard de Eccleshall the church of All Hallows in Gracechurch Street, London, please to understand, very dear Lord, that I am and shall be ready, as far as lies in my power, to obey your commands in this matter as in all others. But inasmuch as that there are several clerks claiming this same church by the authority and *provision* of Our Holy Father the Pope of Rome, who have taken action against me and my Convent, through which my hands are tied so that I can do nothing in this matter unless I should be disobedient to our said Holy Father, to the great danger of myself and my Convent, I beseech you, right honourable Lord, and humbly request you that it may please your right honourable Lordship to hold me excused in this case for the reasons above stated. Right honourable Lord, may Our Lord Jesus Christ grant you grace on earth and everlasting joy. Written, &c.

Mariæ in Aquyro diacono-cardinali, suus devotus et humilis capellanus Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam tam debitam quam devotam, cum omni reverentia et honore. De vestris affectione benigna, et benevolentiæ puritate, quas erga dictam Ecclesiam Cantuariensiem, me, et fratres

Christ Church at Rome, is asked to promote a petition sent to the Pope.

meos, ejusdem Ecclesiæ monachos, qui pro vobis orant assidue prout ad hoc gratitudinis debito sunt astricti, pie geritis, fructuosas votivas gratias refero quales possum; vestræ supplicans reverendæ paternitati devote, quatinus negotia dictæ Ecclesiæ et fratrum ibidem, præsertim illa quæ vobis, in recessu vestro apud Dovoriam, in scriptis tradidi dum locum tenebam supprioratus ejusdem, quæ etiam in cedula præsentibus interclusa plenius continentur, Sanctissimo in Christo patri Summo Pontifici recommendare velitis, et ipsorum expeditionem, caritatis intuitu, procurare felicem. Valeat vestra paternitas per prosperos pacis annos. Scriptum Cantuariæ vij[mo] die Junii anno Domini MCCC. quadragesimo primo.

(June 1341).
L. 76 *b*.

708.—PETITIONES DOMINI PRIORIS ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI CANTUARIENSIS [DOMINO PAPÆ MANDATÆ].

The petition referred to in the preceding letter.

In primis: petitur quod dictus Prior portare possit baculum pastoralem infra civitatem et suburbium Cantuariæ, præsertim, sede vacante et in absentia Archiepiscopi sede plena; cum habeat omnia alia pontificalia

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(June 1341).
L. 76 *b*.

709.—DE CATALLIS RICARDI FERTHYNG DE ORPYNTON FUGITIVI CAPIENDIS.

The bailiff of a manor is instructed to seize the goods of a tenant who is a felon and a fugitive.

Salutz. Por ceo qe Richard Ferthyng de la Doune, nostre tenant de Orpyntone, enditez de felonie sest souztrait, par quey toutz sez chateux sont forsfaitz a nous, come de droit de nostre Esglise, quieles sont compris en une bille enclose deinz cestes; et la greindre partie de ycelles est en la meyn du Borghsaldre illeoqes, vous maundons qe, vewes cestes, hastivement facez prendre en vostre garde les ditz chateux quiele part qils puissent estre trovez en vostre baillie, respondantz a nous de meismes celes a quiele hure qe nouz vous

præter illud. Item: quod idem Prior possit dare benedictiones solempnes super populum post missam et alias, in processionibus, et in mensa, temporibus antedictis. Item: quod idem Prior, vel Supprior post mortem ejusdem, possit reconciliare dictam Ecclesiam Cantuariensem, quotiens opus fuerit, sanguinis vel seminis effusione pollutam; cum talia infortunia, per frequentem concursum populi, ibidem contingant, et esset difficile totiens ad Archiepiscopum vel Episcopum alium, pro hujusmodi reconciliatione facienda, habere recursum. Item: quod idem Prior, per se vel per suos monachos, possit ministrare sacramenta eucharistiæ et extremæ unctionis familiaribus suis et hospitibus infra ambitum monasterii. Item: quod Elemosinarius vel Subelemosinarius dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis possit idem facere, tam familiaribus dicti monasterii, quam elemosinariæ quæ juxta idem monasterium situatur. Item: petitur legitimatio pro Alexandro Hanekyn, clerico dicti Prioris, qui genitus extitit de subdyacono et soluta. Item: petitur ut idem Prior habeat potestatem faciendi dictum Alexandrum notarium publicum, auctoritate papali.

The Prior asks to be allowed to carry a pastoral staff; to give episcopal benediction; to reconcile the church after pollution; to administer the sacraments within the precinct. Also he asks for letters of legitimation for his clerk Alexander Hanekyn.

709.

Greeting. Seeing that Richard Ferthyng of the Doune, our tenant at Orpington, indicted for felony, has run away, and in consequence all his goods are forfeited to us, in right of our Church, which goods are set down in a schedule herein enclosed; seeing also that the most part of the goods are in the hands of the (King's) Borsholder there, we commend you that, on sight of these letters, you speedily cause the said goods to be taken in your charge, as far as they can be found in your bailiwick, being answerable to us for the same whenever we cause

fassons assavoir. Et auxint, facez garnier nostre Bedel qil soit diligent, par toutes les voies qil puist, et vous auxint y soiez, qe les deniers qe vous sont aderere dewes, ensemblement ove tout largent del issu de nostre dit manoir hastivement soient levez et a nous maundez.

(June 1341.)

L. 76 *b*.

710.—Littera regratiatoria missa R. Hattecombe pro negotiis de Ryssebergh, et de reformatione pacis inter ipsum et Alexandrum de Saundertone.

Instructions to the Bailiff of Risborough manor.

Salutz. Nous avons entenduz par voz lettres la bone diligence qe vous avez mys entour lesploit de nos busoignes en voz parties, et auxint lacord qest confourmee entre vous et Alisaundre de Saundreton, sur quiel vous nous voudriez parler, ensemblement ove le dit Alisaundre, en reformacioun de bone pees entre nous et noz vileins rebeaux de nostre manoir de Rissebergh, issint qe le venier fuisse a nostre plesaunce, et qe le dit Alisaundre enpurroit sauvement venier. Et pur ceo qe nous vous avons tout temps en ceo trovez leaux divers nous, de quey sovereinement nous affions, vous fessons savoir qe ceo qe vous en avez fait toutz jours savvant le droit de nostre Esglise et le honur de nostre estat, nous nous tenons paiez, et qe le dit Alisaundre viegne et retourne en vostre compeignie. Et pur ceo qe nous sumes molt sovent del ostel, nous facez assavoir de vostre venue trois jours ou quatre devant, issint qe nous puissons estre a lostel quant vous y serrez. Escript, etc.

(Sept. 1341.)

L. 77 *a*.

711.—Littera missa Domino Archiepiscopo quod clerici admissi valeant indui habitu monachali sine visu suo.

The Prior asks the Arch-

Pater et domine reverende, cum ego et Capitulum Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis octo personas ydoneas

you to be warned. And also instruct our Bedel to be diligent in every way he can, and be you so also, that the money due from you which is in arrear, together with all that coming from the profit of our said manor, may be speedily collected and sent to us.

710.

Greeting. We have learned from your letters the laudable diligence which you have employed in the despatch of our affairs in your parts, and also the agreement concluded between you and Alexander of Saunderton, on which matter you wish to talk with us, in the presence of the said Alexander, for the confirmation of a stable peace between you and our rebellious bondmen in the manor of Risborough, if it be so that your coming would be agreeable to us, and so that the said Alexander might be able to come safely also. And because in this matter we have always found you loyal to us, and as we trust supremely in you, we would have you to know, that for all you have done in protecting the right of our Church and the honour of our estate we hold ourselves satisfied; and we will that the said Alexander come and return in your company. And because we are often from home, let us know of your coming three or four days beforehand, so that we may be at home when you are here. Written, &c.

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ad ordinem et habitum monachalem in dicta Cantuariensi Ecclesia recepimus, juxta morem; ad vosque pertineat hujusmodi personas videre antequam dicto habitu induantur, prout fieri consuevit; vestræ paternitati supplico reverendæ, quod, absque visu vestro

bishop to allow him to confer the monastic habit upon some novices

without a personal introduction to the Archbishop.

hujusmodi, dictæ personæ in vestra ecclesia prædicta habitu prædicto indui valeant ista vice, de vestra gratia speciali, super hoc si placet vestrum beneplacitum rescribendo. Vestra reverenda paternitas in prosperis sit longæva. Script., etc.

13 Sept. (1341).

L. 77 *a.*

712.—Littera de permissione ad recipiendum W. dictum Trewelove ad habitum monachalem.

A friend, who has sent a clerk for admission as a monk, is told that the list is full, but that his candidate shall stand first on the next occasion.

Amice, recepimus litteras vestras die Jovis hora vesperarum, ex quibus collegimus quod Willelmus dictus Trewelove ad habitum monachalem in Ecclesia nostra portandum quod posset admitti multum affectabat. Verum quia ante adventum dicti Willelmi tot erant recepti inter nos quot ista vice fuerant admittendi, promisimus sibi quod in proxima receptione nostra, quæ erit in brevi ut speramus, erit primus; de sua affectione, necnon dignitatis gradu quem aliquando optinebat, considerationem habentes. Ita tamen quod de cetero honeste se gerat, et studio se offerat, ut scientiæ intellectus et corporis statura perfectius augeantur. Semper in Christo valeat carus meus. Scriptum Cantuariæ xiij°. die Septembris sub nostro sigillo privato.

(Oct. 1341.)

L. 77 *a.*

713.—Littera missa Archiepiscopo tangens clericos admissos ad habitum monachalem.

The Archbishop is told that the admission of monks at Christ Church belongs to the Chapter, and that

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino suo reverendo, Domino Johanni Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopo, etc. sui humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis, obedientiam debitam, cum omni reverentia et honore. Ex eo, pater reverende, quod in vestris nuper litteris contentum vidimus non modica sumus admiratione turbati; videlicet, quod admissionem illorum qui ad habitum et ordinem

nostrum regularem debent recipi vel admitti ad vestram archiepiscopalem pertinere prætenditis dignitatem, cum Prior et Capitulum sint, et semper fuerant, in possessione pacifica hujusmodi admittendi personas, a tempore, et per tempus, cujus contrarii memoria non existit, scientibus Archiepiscopis, qui pro tempore fuerant, tollerantibus et non contradicentibus quovismodo; qui duntaxat ipsorum debent videre personas, et sine difficultate qualecumqe cum benedictione remittere, in eadem Ecclesia regularem habitum recepturas; prout in Capitulo nostro, non est diu, ad plenum fuistis super hoc informati. Quocirca vestram reverendam paternitatem devote requirimus et rogamus, quatinus hujusmodi consuetudine nos uti velitis permittere, sicut hactenus solebamus; et gratiose concedere quod octo personæ, per nos ad portandum dictum regularem habitum in eadem Ecclesia, juxta dictam consuetudinem, jam admissæ, indui possint eodem habitu regulari, absque præsentatione personarum earum vobis, ut præmittitur, facienda, quæ nobis esset difficilis ista vice; vestrum, si placet, nobis super hoc rescribentes beneplacitum Deo gratum. Ad regimen Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ propicietur indies vobis Christus. Dat., etc.

when the candidates are presented to the Archbishop he ought to accept them as a thing of course.

714.—Littera responsoria eidem directa super querela Rectoris de Rysseebergh. (Oct. 1341.)

L. 77 *a*.

Pater et domine reverende, scire velitis quod querela Rectoris de Ryssebergh de Thoma Queynterel vobis facta veritatem non continet, sicut credo. Verumtamen, si aliter informatus præmissa invenerim esse vera, emendas super hoc faciet ad vestrum beneplacitum competentes. Valeat et prospere vigeat vita vestra. Script., etc.

The Rector of Risborough has complained to the Archbishop, and the Prior says that his complaint is without foundation in fact.

(Oct. 1341.)

L. 77 *a*.

715.—Littera responsoria et excusatoria missa Duci Cornubiæ, de meremio in Heselyng non concedendo.

The Black Prince has asked for timber from the Convent, but is told by the Prior that the timber he asks for has been saved up for the use of the Monastery.

A lour treshonurable Seignur Sire Edward, eisnez filz a noble Roi Dengleterre et de Fraunce, Ducs de Corneweill, et Counte de Cestre, ses Chapelleyns Priour et Covent del Esglise de Cauntorbires, ceo qils poent donurs ove toutes maneres de reverences. Treshonurable Seignur, nous avons receuz voz lettres, qi sont commaundementz as nous en tant come bonement purrons, de graunter a Pierres de Guldeburgh, vostre Tresorier, xxiiij. cheynes, bones et convenables pour mereym, en nostre boys de Heselyngg, a repareiller ascunes ses mesouns en les parties de Kent, qil ad voluz faire. Et por ceo qe nostre dite Esglise est si fiebles et ruinousse, cele petite place de Heselyngg grant temps a estee sauvement gardee saunz destruccioun faire, en espoir de grant socour et aide as nous a busoigne; qe en bref temps ne puist estre eschuy, et en tiel meschief aillours dedeinz xx. lewes en tour nous ne nous purrions chevier. Pur quey nous vous prions humblement et requerons, qe plese a vostre haute seignurie, qe (de sicome le tenour de vostre dit commaundement chorroit a perpetuel damage de vostre myere esglise susdite) nous veullez endroit de la dite place avoir pour escusez. Et, a grande reverence et plesaunce de vous, aillours en nostre grant, ne serra mye si trop chargeaunte, nous ferrons qe Sire Pierres vostre Tresorier de resoun se doit aggreer. Dieu meyntiegne, Sire, vostre treshaute seignurie pour long temps adurier. Donez, etc.

715.

To their most honourable Lord Sir Edward, eldest son of the noble King of England, &c. the Convent of the Church of Canterbury, all that they can of honour and every kind of respect. Most honourable Lord, we have received your letters (which are for us, as far as we are able, equivalent to commands) asking us to give to Peter of Guldeburgh, your Treasurer, twenty-four oaks, sound and suitable for building timber, in our Wood of Heselyng, for the repairs of certain of his houses in Kent which he wishes to do. But, because our said Church is so insecure and dilapidated, this small wood of Heselyng has for a long time been reserved from cutting, in the hope of great help from it in the time of our need; which cannot be postponed more than a short time, and in that unfortunate case we should not be able to supply ourselves within twenty leagues around. Wherefore we humbly pray and beg that it may please your exalted Lordship (seeing that the tenor of your said commandment would issue in the perpetual injury of your aforesaid Mother Church) to have us excused as far as the said wood is concerned. And, through our great reverence and desire to please you, in anything else in our power to grant, be it never so weighty, we will act so that Sir Peter your Treasurer must in reason hold himself content. May God long maintain, Sire, your most exalted Lordship. Given, &c.

(Mar. 1342.)
L. 77 *b*.

716.—Littera responsalis missa Episcopo Roffensi super securitate xx. librarum facienda pauperibus Hospitalis Sancti Andreæ in Hethe.

It is proposed to raise a loan of twenty pounds for the benefit of the Hospital of St. Andrew at Hythe.

Pater reverende, quia, visis et intellectis vestris litteris nobis missis, satis apparet nullam aliam esse esitationem super tractatu inter nos alias habito, de quo faciatis in vestris litteris mentionem, nisi de forma securitatis per nos præstandæ super solutione xx. librarum sterlingorum pauperibus Hospitalis Sancti Andreæ de Heth; scire velitis, quod parati sumus omnem in ea parte securitatem præstare, juxta consilium vestrum et nostrum, quæ in præjudicium nostræ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis non tenderet in futurum. Sed quia talia fieri non possent sine maxima deliberatione et solempni tractatu, et[1] ideo mittemus vobis unum vel duos de consilio nostro sufficienter inctructos, ad tractandum vobiscum et consilio vestro super securitate in præmissis præstanda, prout nobis et vobis opportunum [videatur]. Nec displiceat paternitati vestræ reverendæ quod securitati sub forma alias per paternitatem vestram petita consentire non possumus, pro eo quod talis securitas nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ foret præjudicialis pariter et dampnosa. Valeat, etc.

(Sept. 1342.)
L. 77 *b*.

717.—Littera missa Magistro N. de Tarenta ut ad nos accedat pro causa Dovoriæ.

The Counsel of the Convent is asked to confer with the Prior in the matter of the Dover suit.

Scire velitis karissime, quod in illo dispendioso negotio inter nos et religiosos viros monachos Sancti Martini Dovoriæ, ipsorum reclamatione calumpniosa pendente, placet, tam Domino Archiepiscopo quam nobis et ipsis, quod omnis controversia et cujuscunque litis materia per aliquam compositionem amicabilem

[1] *et* redundant.

terminetur. Et ad plene tractandum super hoc, habemus proximum diem juridicum post festum Sancti Mathei Apostoli proxime nunc venturum, per dictum dominum, de consensu partium, assignatum; quocirca vestram dilectionem sinceram requirimus et rogamus quatinus, opportunitate captata ad nos veniendi citra diem prædictum, velitis dirigere gressus vestros, nobiscum super dicto negotio deliberatione debita tractaturi et vestrum sanum consilium impensuri. Et ista cordi, si libeat, habeatis, sicut commodum nostrum diligitis et honorem. In pace votiva vos custodiat pacis Auctor. Dat. etc.

718.—LITTERA RESPONSALIS MISSA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO QUOD PARATI ERIMUS AD RATIFICANDUM LITTERAS CONCESSAS APPARITORI IN CURIA CANTUARIENSI DE OFFICIO SUO. (1342.) L. 77 *b*.

Pater reverende, quia, sicut ego et confratres mei vestris intelleximus litteris, apparitoris officium in vestra Cantuariensi Curia exercendum ipsarum litterarum bajulo, ad terminum vitæ suæ, concedere intenditis gratiose, si nos statum suum nostris litteris ratificare duxerimus in hac parte; scire velitis vestra reverenda paternitas, quod parati sumus et erimus, quatenus ad nos pertinet, hujusmodi perficere beneplacitum reverenter. Valeat vestra reverenda paternitas semper in Christo cum prosperitate votiva. Script. etc.

The Chapter, asked by the Archbishop to ratify the appointment of one of his officials, consent to do so.

719.—DE ORDINACIONE HOSPITALIS DE EASTBRYGG IN CIVITATE CANTUARIA ET APPROPRIACIONE ECCLESIÆ SANCTI NICHOLAI. 23 Sept. 1342. H. 88 *b*.

Johannes permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. dilecto in Christo filio Domino Rogerio de Rondes, Magistro Hospitalis pauperum de Estbregg in civitate Cantuariæ, patronatus nostri, salutem,

Archbishop Stratford's reformation statutes of

St. Thomas Becket's hospital of Eastbridge in Canterbury.

etc. Etsi votivus noster invalescat affectus decus et commoda locorum, ad miserabilium personarum et pauperum recepcionem ac sustentacionem divinique cultus augmentacionum provide deputatorum, nobis potissime subditorum, quatenus possumus procurare; tamen conservacio et relevamen necessarium Hospitalis de Estbrugg prædicti, per beatum et gloriosum Martirem Thomam olim Cantuariensem Archiepiscopum, prædecessorem nostrum, fundati antiquitus et dotati, ob ipsius Martiris, qui suis veneratoribus opem porrigit, honorem præcipuum, præ ceteris locis hujusmodi incidunt nobis cordi. Sane tua peticio, nuper nobis exhibita, continebat: quod idem hospitale, per Beatum Martirem antedictum pro pauperum peregrinorum Cantuariam confluencium, et recepcione nocturna et sustentacione aliquali, ab olim et pro jam incumbentibus eidem oneribus dotatum exiliter, per ipsius hospitalis incuriam Magistrorum, qui ejus prostrarunt nemora, eaque, et alia jura, possessiones, et bona ipsius, tam mobilia quam immobilia, modis alienare variis temere præsumpserunt, ad supremam egestatem,[1] [et] inopiam est deductum, et æris alieni, per ipsos factis et contractis, plurimis oneribus, ad quorum solucionem bona dicti hospitalis, absque remedio et auxilio extrinceco, hiis diebus non sufficiunt, premitur manifeste; in suis etiam domibus et ædificiis, olim sufficienter constructis, deformitates evidenter intantum patitur et ruinam, quod nisi ejusdem hospitalis provideatur indigenciæ aliunde, illud nedum peregrinos hujusmodi, ad ipsum post gloriosum triumphum et canonizacionem dicti Sancti plus solito confluentes,[2] admittere non valebit, sed desolacionis tantæ subjicietur opprobriis, quod vix aliquis, aut nullus idoneus, inveniciur qui recipere velit hujus regimen hospitalis. Quapropter nobis humiliter supplicasti, ut ad relevamen omnium præmissorum, et pro sustentacione

[1] *eistatem*, MS. | [2] confluentium, MS.

pauperum peregrinorum illuc copiose indies confluencium pleniori, ecclesiam parochialem Beati Nicholai de Herbaldoune, nostræ diœcesis, cujus ad dictum hospitale jus spectare dignoscitur patronatus, eandem tibi successoribusque tuis, ipsius hospitalis Magistris, ex causis præmissis, in proprios usus imperpetuum concedere annectere et unire[1] vellemus; nos siquidem hospitalis prædicti, quod nuper visitavimus, defectum notorium quem patitur intuentes, tam circa divina obsequia quam alia caritatis opera inibi exercenda, sub forma competenti et indubia, sicut convenit, minime ordinati, ipsiusque indigenciis evidentibus paterno compacientes affectu, tuis etiam justis in ea parte supplicacionibus inclinati, super causis superius expressatis ac veritate ipsarum, vocatis ad hoc omnibus evocandis de jure, per fidedignos, in forma juris juratos et singillatim examinatos, sufficientem præmissorum noticiam optinentes, auctoritate nostra, inquisicione juxta exigenciam juris facta, demum super hiis cum religiosis viris filiis nostris Priore et Capitulo nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ in ipsius Capitulo tractatum diligentem habuimus et solempnem, prout requiritur in concessionibus hujusmodi perpetuis et alienacionibus de jure ecclesiarum; et quia dictas causas, et per te nobis in hac parte suggesta, omnia et singula invenimus esse vera, legitimeque approbata, necnon justa, et sufficiencia fore ad appropriacionem dictæ ecclesiæ faciendam, cum urgens necessitas ac evidens subsit utilitas in hac parte, præfatam ecclesiam Beati Nicholai de Herbaldoune, interveniente in ea parte quorum interest consensu, cum Priore et Capitulo nostris prædictis tractatu, ut est dictum, super hiis solempni et diligenti præhabito, ac de eorum consensu, concurrentibusque omnibus et singulis quæ in præmissis et ea tangentibus requirebantur de jure, prædictisque ex causis, auctoritate

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[1] *venire*, MS.

nostra ordinaria, hospitali prædicto, tibi, et tuis successoribus Magistris ejusdem ministraturis in eo, appropriamus, annectimus, et unimus; ipsiusque ecclesiæ fructus, redditus, et proventus in dicti hospitalis usus proprios, et tuos, ac successorum tuorum Magistrorum ejusdem, et peregrinorum pauperum ad illud confluencium, juxta modum inferius annotatum concedimus perpetuo convertendos; salva idoneo sacerdoti dictæ servituro ecclesiæ in divinis, qui etiam animarum curam exercebit in ea, tuo successorumque tuorum Magistrorum ibidem arbitrio de permutanda et amelioranda, propter exillitatem ecclesiæ antedictæ ad perpetui vicarii sustentacionem et onerum relevamen hujusmodi minime sufficientis, pro suis victualibus et sustentacione, de ipsius ecclesiæ fructibus, redditibus, et proventibus congrua porcione; alia siquidem onera eidem ecclesiæ incumbencia per Magistrum hospitalis prædicti volumus supportari. Ceterumque, (cum) super modo divina celebrandi officia in hospitali prædicto, et caritatis opera, ceteraque peragenda inibi exercendi, clara, sufficiens, et indubia ordinacio minime reperitur, licet quædam observanciæ in hiis, et præcipue in provisione pauperum, usitatæ in eo nobis fuerint intimatæ, nos, ad perpetuam rei memoriam, super hiis certos modum et formam in hospitali prædicto perpetuo observandos edere seu constituere duximus, et taliter ordinamus. Videlicet, quod in dicto hospitali per nos et per successores nostros, Archiepiscopos Cantuarienses, ponatur seu præficiatur Magister, qui tempore quo ponetur seu præficietur eidem sit in sacerdotali ordine constitutus, cui, per nos et per successores nostros hujusmodi, dicti hospitalis regimen committatur, prout canonicis convenit institutis. Magistrum eciam quemlibet hujusmodi, cum ipsum hospitale primo adeptus[1] fuerit, infra mensem sequentem proxime, de ipsius hospitalis bonis, sigillo suo sigillatum et specificum inventarium plenum conficere, ipsi-

[1] *ad opus*, MS.

usque copiam infra mensem eundem Priori nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ tradere; ac eidem, vel Suppriori ejusdem dicto prioratu vacante, seu alteri ad hoc deputando per ipsorum alterutrum suo casu, in ipso prioratu, vice Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi et auctoritate præsencium, annis singulis inter Sancti Michaelis et Omnium Sanctorum festa, de administracione sua reddere plenam et distinctam, volumus, racionem. Ordinamus insuper quod Magister ipse qui erit tempore unum alium a se habeat continuo secum in dicto hospitali idoneum Capellanum secularem ponendum et amovendum prout eidem Magistro videbitur expedire; quodque Magister et Capellanus hujusmodi in hospitali prædicto matutinas et ceteras horas canonicas adinvicem, legitimo impedimento cessante, secundum usum Saresburiensis Ecclesiæ psallere vel convenienter dicere et devote; ac divina, videlicet, unus eorum missam *De die*, alius vero diebus Dominicis *De Sancto Nicholao*, diebus Martis *De Beato Thoma* Martire antedicto, diebus Jovis *De Beata Virgine Katerina*, ceteris vero diebus ebdomadatim missam *Pro defunctis* et pro benefactoribus hospitalis prædicti, teneantur diebus singulis celebrare, ac eorum quilibet orationem *Rege quæso Domine Pontificem nostrum*, etc. pro nobis quamdiu agimus in hac vita, et post solutum nostræ carnis debitum orationem *Deus qui inter apostolicos sacerdotes*, etc. diebus ad hoc aptis et competentibus dicere; necnon in canone missæ pro nobis specialiter horare, nostrique habere memoriam specificatam in celebrandis suis missis singulis imperpetuum sit astrictus. Ordinamus præterea, quod ad dicti Magistri disposicionem et curam solicitam fructus, redditus, et proventus, dictique tocius hospitalis regimen, quamdiu Magister ibidem fuerit, cum moderamine pertineant infrascripto. Quodque Magistro et Capellano hujusmodi celebraturis et ministraturis pro tempore in hospitali prædicto, singulis communibus diebus de uno

ferculo duplicato; in Dominicis vero diebus et festis duplicibus ac solempnibus, cum hujusmodi ferculo de una pitancia non minus sumptuosa deserviatur in mensa. In(h)ibemus insuper et interdicimus, ne commune sigillum in hospitali prædicto habeatur amodo, vel existat. Peregrini siquidem valetudinarii pauperes, quos arripit infirmitas in suæ peregracionis itinere, non leprosi, in hospitali recipiantur eodem; et in fata decedentes ibidem in cimiterio nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ sepelliantur, in loco ad hoc antiquitus assignato; sani autem peregrini accedentes ibidem per noctem unam in eo recipiantur dumtaxat; in quorum, tam valetudinariorum quam sanorum peregrinorum hujusmodi, usus, ad ipsorum vitæ subsidium, diebus singulis ad quatuor denariorum æstimacionem de bonis hospitalis prædicti volumus et ordinamus expendi. Peregrinos tamen valetudinarios pauperes, illuc confluentes cum sanis, tam ad moram quam ad vitæ subsidia in æstimacione prædicta percipienda, sanis volumus anteferri. Quod si dierum aliquo in usus peregrinorum de bonis hospitalis ipsius, propterea quod nullos vel paucos peregrinos hujusmodi contigerit declinare, ad æstimacionem non expendatur eandem, ordinamus et volumus, quod diebus aliis, seu temporibus copiosioris adventus peregrinorum hujusmodi, juxta modum superius annotatum, suppleatur taliter cum effectu, quod in usu tam pio et laudabili de bonis hospitalis ad summam quatuor denariorum, pro numero singulorum dierum in anno, disposicione prævia integraliter et fideliter erogatur. In hospitali eciam prædicto duodecim lectos competentes ordinamus debere perpetuo consistere, ad usum confluencium pauperum peregrinorum ibidem; ac mulierem honestæ vitæ aliquam, quæ quadraginta

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22 Nov. (1442).

L. 77 *b*.

720.—Littera responsalis missa Duci Cornubiæ super CC. libris mutuandis Domino Regi.

The Prior, asked by

A treshonurable Seignur Sire Edward, eisnez fils a tresexcellent prince et Rois Dengleterre et de Fraunce,

annorum ætatem excesserit, ministerio peregrinorum hujusmodi, tam in lectis quam vitæ necessariis ut præmittitur ministrandis, esse volumus intendentem; cui mulieri de bonis hospitalis prædicti ministretur in singulis vitæ suæ necessariis competenter. Et ad ordinacionem præsentem in singulis suis articulis, prout est possibile, observandam, et quatenus in se est facere fieri observari, necnon de corrodiis, pencionibus, possessionibus, nemoribus, aut bonis immobilibus, seu juribus ipsius hospitalis non vendendis, concedendis imperpetuum, vel ad tempus donandis, vel alio quovis alienacionis titulo non alienandis, nobis aut successoribus nostris Archiepiscopis Cantuariensibus non consultis et non consencientibus ad hoc expresse, per quosdam Magistros hospitalis prædicti quibus ejus regimen committetur in posterum, præstare volumus et ordinamus, in commissionibus de ipso faciendis eisdem, corporale ad Sancti Dei Ewangelia juramentum. Commissionem autem hospitalis prædicti, si facta fuerit alteri quam in sacerdocio constituto, vel prædicto non exacto seu præstito juramento, fore volumus, ipso jure, irritam et inanem. Reservata nobis et successoribus nostris, Archiepiscopis Cantuariensibus, hujusmodi ordinacioni nostræ addendi, detrahendi, eamque mutandi, et corrigendi prout expedire videbitur plenariam potestatem. Acta et data in Capitulo dictæ nostræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ, xxiij° die mensis Septembris, anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo secundo. Et nos Frater Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, etc. approbamus, ratificamus, ac etiam confirmamus, etc. Data, etc. die et anno supradictis.

The Prior's ratification of the Archbishop's reformation of the Eastbridge statutes.

720.

To the most honourable Lord Sir Edward, eldest son of the most excellent prince and King of England and

the Black Prince to lend 200*l.* to the King, offers to procure 100*l.*

Dues de Corneweille, Counte de Cestre, et Gardien Dengleterre, ses chapelleins Priour et Covent del Esglise de Caunterbires, ceo qils poent de dewes reverences et honurs. Sire, nous receumes voz graciouses lettres le xxij. jour de Novembre, par les mayns Sire Eadmund de Grymesby, clerk nostre Seignur le Roy, quieux portent plesauntes noveles a nous du viage nostre Seignur le Roy en parties de Britaigne, pour quieles, nemye sanz enchaison, humblement nous vous enmercioms. Et avoms, Sire, entenduz par voz dites lettres la grande necessitee dargent, qe durement nous poise, qe nostre dit Seignur en ad, et voudrez qe nous lui faissoms avoir cc. livres dapprest, en fourme continewe en voz dites lettres; nous voillantz, par toutes les voies qe purroms, faire a plesaunce les prieres nostre Seignur le Roy et de vous (qi nous sont commaundementz), a vostre bone Seignurie fessoms savoir, qe nous ferroms chevaunce ove noz amis de c. livres, quieles nous enveieroms par ascun de noz a la faiste Seint Nicholas; et si nous pooms de plus chevir nous le ferroms a nostre poair, issint toute foiz qe dewe acquitaunce nous soit faite de la porcioun qe nous attint de la disme darrein grauntee par la clergi, solonc la promesse de la credence le clerk susdit. Dieu, Sire, nous tiegne vostre bone Seignurie par long temps adurer. Escript a Canterbires le xxij. jour de Novembre avantdit.

Consimilis littera Directa fuit Dominæ Philippæ Reginæ de c. libris dicto Domino Regi mutuandis.

(1342.) L. 77 *b.*

721.—Littera directa Domini Archiepiscopi Cancellario de supersedendo ad tempus quoad decimas vendicatas per novum vicarium de Prestone de manerio nostro de Hamme.

The Chancellor of the Arch-

Amice karissime, quia novus vicarius ecclesiæ de Prestone citari procuravit, ut audivimus quendam

France, &c., Regent of England, his chaplains the Prior and Convent of the Church of Canterbury, all that they can of reverence and honour due. Sire, we received your gracious letters the 22d of November, by the hands of Master Edmund de Grimsby, clerk of our Lord the King, and in them are brought to us comfortable news of the expedition of our Lord the King in Brittany, for which, and not without reason, we humbly thank you. And we have learned, Sire, by your said letters the great need which our said lord has of money (which greatly grieves us), and that you desire that we should furnish him with two hundred pounds by way of loan, after the scheme contained in your said letters; now, we, wishing in every way we can to show compliance with the requests of our Lord the King and of yourself (which to us are commands), inform your good Lordship that we will raise among our friends one hundred pounds, which we will send to you, by one of our people, by the Feast of St. Nicholas; and if we can raise more we will do so to the best of our power; providing always that a proper acquittance be made to us out of our payment towards the last disme granted by the clergy, according to the promise contained in the credence of the above-named clerk. May God, Sire, preserve to us your good Lordship in long life. Written, &c.

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ballivum nostrum, hominem valde simplicem, et, ut timemus, ea intentione ut ab eo exigeret aliquas decimas, majores vel minores, de rebus in locis quibus præest provenientes, quamvis ab omni tempore nos et monasterium nostrum fuimus in possessione juris retinendi et percipiendi omnes decimas hujusmodi, tam

bishop is asked to restrain the Vicar of Preston-next-Faversham who has demanded

tithes from a manor belonging to the Convent.

majores quam minores, in locis præfatis qualitercunque provenientes, vestram amicitiam carissimam, de qua non inexperti fiduciam gerimus pleniorem, attentius deprecamur quatinus, auditis per vos benigne hiis quæ Nicholaus Dagh, clericus noster, lator præsentium ad vos hac occasione transmissus, ad vestri informationem majorem, ex parte nostra super præfata materia vobis dicet, velitis, viis quibus licite et honeste poteritis, vicarium inducere supradictum, quod a fatigatione ballivi nostri hujusmodi inchoata omnino desistat, aut saltem supersedeat quousque, tempore competenti post festum instans, cum domino nostro et vobis possimus super hiis habere colloquium personale; alioquin obtento libello, ut est moris, detur ad deliberandum terminus tam prolixus, quod inter dominum nostrum prædictum et vos alloqui ut præfertur commode valeamus. Libenter faceremus aliqua quæ possent esse placita votis vestris. Script., etc.

(Dec. 1342.)

L. 78 *a*.

722.—Littera supplicatoria directa Episcopo Londoniensi, quod ipse non inquirat super sponsalibus inter Rogerium de Berners et quandam Matildem virtute cujusdam brevis regii, nisi essemus præmuniti; per quod breve prædicta Matilda vendicat dotem suam de terra Berners apud Horsle.

The Bishop of London is asked not to proceed in an ecclesiastical suit affecting a person whose dowry (if she be entitled to it) is in the fee of the Convent.

Cum omni honore et reverentia, se paratum ad tanti patris beneplacita et mandata. Pater et Domine reverende, quia quædam Matilda, asserens se fuisse uxorem Rogerii de Berners, traxit nos in causam in Curia regia, petens a nobis dotem suam quarundam terrarum quæ, ut dixit, fuerant ipsius Rogerii dum vixit, nosque eidem opposuimus quod nunquam extitit eidem Rogerio in legitimo matrimonio copulata, cujus cognitio vobis, tanquam Ordinario, ut audivimus, per breve regium est remissa; vestram reverendam paternitatem

affectuosius quo valemus requirimus et rogamus, quatinus in inquisitione seu processu in hac parte, per vos seu Commissarios vestros, si quos aut quem ad id constituere decreveritis, faciendo, talem dignemini maturitatem facere et præcipere observari, quod, nobis non vocatis vel non præmunitis modo debito, ad expeditionem negotii hujusmodi vobis sic remissi, vel ad certificandum Curiam regiam in nostri vel Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, quam sub vestra recommendatione speciali experimentaliter fore didicimus et supponimus recollectam, [præjudicium] minime procedatis. Præfatus etenim Rogerius, ante omnem adhæsionem quam cum dicta Matilde illicite habuit, per plures annos fuit rector ecclesiæ de Westhorsle, Wyntoniensis diœcesis, et in sacerdotio constitutus, ac missas ibidem, tanquam rector hujusmodi et sacerdos, palam et publice celebravit; de quibus vobis in forma juris fidem plenariam faciemus. Super hiis autem, si placet, vestrum propositum benevolum et benignum rescribere, et nobis in hiis quæ per nos poterunt expediri fiducialiter præcipere, dignetur vestra reverenda paternitas, quam conservet Altissimus Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ regimini salutari. Script., etc.

723.—Littera regratiatoria missa Episcopo supradicto super bona responsione litteræ proxime præscriptæ, una cum aliis contentis in eadem. (Dec. 1342.) L. 78 *a*.

Ad tanti et tam reverendi patris beneplacita et præcepta promptum obsequium hæc scribentis, cum reverentia et honore. Pater et Domine reverende, de gratiosa et benigna responsione ad litteras nostras ultimo vobis missas per vos facta, ac de beneficiis multiplicibus in pecuniæ vestræ effusione nimia, et aliis nuntio nostro ex vestra largitate impensis, vobis quas valemus gratiarum referimus actiones; vestramque

A letter of thanks to the Bishop of London for his compliance with the request contained in the previous letter.

benevolentiam, quam vos erga nos gessisse ac gerere, ex tenore litterarum vestrarum nobis per eundem nuntium remissarum, comperimus, absque vestri displicencia attentius quo possumus deprecamur, quatinus executionem gratiæ Johanni Hanekyng, pauperi clerico infra nostrum monasterium educato, latori præsentium, ab Apostolica sede factæ, super qua vobis litteræ apostolicæ diriguntur, dignemini venerabilibus viris Magistris Henrico de Idesword et Johanni de Barnet, Officiali vestro, et utrique eorum, conjunctim et divisim, committere gratiose, intuitu caritatis et nostrorum precaminum interventu. Ad tuitionem Ecclesiæ vestræ prædictæ vos conservet Altissimus diu et feliciter ut optamus. Script., etc.

9 Dec. 1342.

L. 78 *a*.

Grant of lodging in St. Jacob's Hospital to a lady, with reversion to her sister.

724.—De camera concessa ad vitam Aliciæ de Hertlep apud Sanctum Jacobum.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Christina Priorissa domus Sancti Jacobi juxta Cantuariam et ejusdem loci sorores, salutem in Domino. Noverit universitas vestra nos de unanimi consensu nostro, necnon de assensu venerabilis in Christo patris et domini Domini Roberti Prioris Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, custodis nostri, dimisisse et concessisse dilectæ nobis in Christo Aliciæ de Hertlepe, ad totam vitam suam, quandam cameram quam inhabitavit Domina de Fynel dum vixit, scituatam infra mansum domus nostræ juxta portam nos-

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27 July (1343).

L. 78 *b*.

725.—Littera responsalis facta Dominæ Isabellæ Reginæ super Elemosina per nos facienda Fratribus Minoribus in Cantuaria sicut facere solebamus.

The Queen Dowager having

A tresnoble dame, Dame Isabelle, par la grace de Dieu Roigne Dengleterre, Dame Dirlaunde, et Countesse

tram, cum inclaustura et omnibus aliis aisiamentis ad dictam cameram spectantibus, cum libero ingressu et egressu ad eandem pro se et suis pro libito suo temporibus oportunis. Et si contingat dictam Aliciam decedere vivente Johanna sorore sua, extunc volumus et concedimus eidem Johanne, ad totam vitam suam, prædictam cameram, cum dicta inclaustura, et omnibus aliis aisiamentis suis, cum libero ingressu et egressu ad eandem pro se et suis ut præmittitur, sine contradictione quacunque nostri vel nostrorum quorumcunque. Ita tamen, quod ipsa Alicia vel Johanna nullam personam inhonestam in dicta camera, seu infra clausturam præfatam, secum morari, nec aliquid quod in scandalum nostrum vel domus nostræ tendere valeat, perpetrari faciant vel permittant. Prædictæ vero Alicia et Johanna prædictam cameram emendabunt et reparabunt cum necesse fuerit, durante tempore suo, suis sumptibus et expensis. Et nos Christina Priorissa et sorores prædictæ dictam cameram, cum dicta inclaustura, et omnibus aisiamentis suis, et libero ingressu et egressu ad eandem, prædictis Aliciæ et Johannæ, ad totam vitam suam, ut præmittitur, warrantizabimus per præsentes. In cujus rei testimonium, tam sigillum nostrum commune, quam sigillum prædicti venerabilis patris Prioris Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, custodis nostri, præsentibus sunt appensa, die Lunæ, videlicet, in crastino Concepcionis Beatæ Mariæ, anno Domini millesimo CCC. quadragesimo secundo.

725.

To the most noble lady the Lady Isabel, by the grace of God Queen of England, &c., her humble and devout

asked the Prior to continue annual alms (withheld at the date) to the Minorites of Canterbury, he shows cause why he should not do so.

de Pontuf, ses humbles et devoutz chapelleins Priour et Covent del Esglise de Caunterbires se recommaundent, appareillez a ses douz plesiers. Treshonurable Dame, nous receumes voz graciouses lettres le xxiiij. jour de Juyl, par les mains Thomas de Stourtone vostre vadlet, affaire noz almoignes as bones gentz de religion Fraires Meneurs de Caunterbires, qont estez une piece soubtraites, en manere com nous les avoms fait de grace avant ses houres, et le plus courtoisement par cause de vostre requeste. Et por ceo, tresgraciouse Dame, qe vous ny estes enfourmez de la cause de la soubtraite des dites almoignes, si pleser vous soit, vous fessoms savoir qe les ditz Fraires ont enclos a lour mansion une grandisme place qi doit rente a nous, com de droit de nostre Esglise, ou nous ne pooms entrier a destreindre por arrerages qi sont grandes; quele enclousture en temps avenir, sanz faire ceo qils deivent de reson, purroit terminer a disheritisoun de nous et de nostre dite Esglise, a quey nostre conscience ne puist ne ne doit assentir; por quey, nostre charitee puis nadmye este si overte devers eux come devant. Mais tresnoble Dame, en reverence de vous et a vostre dite requeste, qest commaundement a nous, nous graunteroms as ditz fraires la dite almoigne, qest purement de nostre grace, sauvantz toute foiz le droit de nostre Esglise, et issint qils facent a nous et a nostre dite Esglise ceo qils deivent de resun; a quele chose faire vous requeroms, tresamez Dame, qe vous les veullez commaunder. Dieu vous maintiegne, Dame, et vous donit bone vie et longe. Escript en nostre Chapitre le xxvij. jour de Juyl susdit.

chaplains the Prior and Convent of the Church of Canterbury recommend themselves, prepared to do all her good pleasure. Most honourable Lady, we received your gracious letters on the 24th of July by the hands of Thomas de Stourton your servant, (asking us) to give to those good religious men the Minorite Friars of Canterbury our alms (which for a time have been withheld) in the same manner as we formerly did; and this the more courteously, because of your request. And, very gracious Lady, because you have not been told of the cause of the withdrawal of the said alms, if it please you we let you know that the said Friars have enclosed in their precinct a considerable piece of ground which is charged with a rent to our Church, so that we cannot enter to distrain for the arrears which are of large amount; which enclosure in time to come, unless they do what in justice they ought to do, might end in the disherison of us and of our Church, a thing to which our conscience neither can consent nor ought it to do so; wherefore, since that time our charity towards them has not been so ready as aforetime. But, very noble Lady, out of reverence to you and your said request, we will give the said alms to the said Friars (this being purely a matter of favour), the right of our Church being always reserved, provided they act towards us and our Church as they are bound by justice to do; and we beg that you will please to command them so to act. May God keep you, Lady, &c.

(1343.) L. 78 *a.*

726.—Littera missa Fratri Jacobo de Oxene, quod ipse informet filium H. Chaumpeneys apud Oxoniam studentem.

One of the students at Canterbury Hall in Oxford is asked to act as tutor to a young man, a son of a friend of the Prior.

Karissime frater, ad rogatum dilectissimi amici nostri Hugonis Chaumpeneys pro filio suo Oxoniæ studente, attentius quo possumus in Domino vos ortamur, quatinus filium ipsius præfatum ad vos frequentius convocantes velitis eum, modis et viis quibus potueritis, consolari, et ipsum ad proficiendum tam in scientia quam in moribus consultius excitare, et, prout sciveritis, informare. In adquisitione virtutum et scientiæ semper feliciter prosperemini ut optamus. Script., etc.

(1343.) L. 78 *b.*

728.—Littera supplicatoria pro sororibus Sancti Jacobi, videlicet Domino E. de Grymesby.

A person at Court is asked to deal leniently with the Hospital of St. Jacob in the matter of a subsidy.

Amy fyable, por ceo qe le povre Hospital de Seint Jacob, qest de nostre fundacioun en perpetuele amoigne, et desouz nostre garde, grevoussement ad estez chargez por diverses contribuciouns faitz au Roy entre lez laiz, ou les biens et les facultes de la dite mesoun ne suffiecient mye a la sustenaunce de la Prioresse et des seoures de meisme cele, come par une enqueste retournee ore en la Chauncellerie a la suyte les dites Prioresse et seoures ouvertement piert; vous prioms cherement, qe vous veullez estre tendre de lestat du dit Hospital, et tant faire, que les dites Prioresse et seoures puissent suyr lour proces queles ont comensez destre

727.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO DE LITTERIS CONFIRMATIONIS ECCLESIARUM DE STRATFORD ET SANCTI NICHOLAI DE HERBALDOWN EIDEM PER NOS TRANSMISSIS. (1343.) L. 78 *a*.

The Chapter announce to the Archbishop that they have confirmed his foundation of a chantry at Straford (on Avon) and his appropriation of the Church of St. Nicholas at Harbledown to Eastbridge Hospital.

Ad tanti patris beneplacita paratum obsequium cum omni reverentia et honore. Pater et Domine reverende, litteras confirmatorias ordinationis vestræ super cantaria in ecclesia de Stratford, ac etiam litteras confirmatorias appropriationis ecclesiæ Sancti Nicholai de Herbaldone hospitali vestro Sancti Thomæ de Eastbregg in Cantuaria, per vos factæ, sigillo Capituli consignatas, per Magistrum J. de Wymborne latorem præsentium, vobis mitto. Si quæ autem alia per me volueritis expediri, cum fiducia dignemini scribere michi vestro, semper enim ero paratus, juxta mei possibilitatem, exequi reverenter quæ michi præceperit vestra paternitas reverenda; quam conservet Altissimus Ecclesiæ suæ sanctæ regimini salutari. Script., etc.

728.

Trusty friend, whereas the poor Hospital of St. Jacob, which is of our foundation and under our protection has been grievously burthened by divers contributions granted to the King by the laity, and the goods and resources of the said House do not even suffice for the maintenance of the Prioress and her sisters of the same House, as plainly appears by an inquisition, lately returned into Chancery, at the suit of the said Prioress and sisters; we heartily beseech you that you will deal gently with the property of the said Hospital, and so act that the said Prioress and sisters may follow up the suit, which they have begun for

deschargez, datteindre une fyn convenable; et le plus gratioussement par resoun de ceste nostre priere. A Dieu. Escript, etc.

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1 Oct. 1343.

L. 78 *b*.

729.—PROCURATORIUM MAGISTRI ROBERTI DE THRESK IN CURIA ROMANA.

Commission of the Proctor acting for Christ Church in the Curia.

Universis pateat per presentes quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum facimus, etc. dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Robertum de Thresk procuratorem nostrum in Curia Romana, ad impetrandum privilegia, et tam litteras legendi specialem gratiam seu justitiam continentes, quam contra nos impetratas seu impetrandas, contradicendum, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro primo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini MCCCXLIIJ°. Præsentibus valituris quousque eas duxerimus revocandas.

(1343.)

L. 78 *b*.

730.—LITTERA EXCITATORIA ET REGRATIATORIA MISSA AD AMICUM PRO BENEFICIO ECCLESIASTICO OPTINENDO.

A person having influence with the Archbishop is asked to procure the benefice of Eleigh Monachorum for a nominee of the Chapter.

Amice karissime, de grata diligentia vestra, in excitando dominum nostrum Dominum Archiepiscopum ut, bene ergo eum merito et nobis dilecto, Roberto de Wellesborne de aliquo beneficio ecclesiastico providisset, zelo commendabili nuper adhibita, vobis regratiamur ex corde; attentius quo possumus vos rogantes, quatinus, amore nostri, viis et modis quibus potueritis et decreveritis, erga eundem dominum nostrum instare velitis, ut præfato Roberto de illa modica ecclesia de Illegh providere dignetur, intuitu caritatis; et credimus quod in hoc nedum opus pium sed etiam meritorium exercebit, prout sibi, apud Maghefeld, tempore quo secum fuimus, diximus viva voce. Vos ad

obtaining their discharge, until they obtain a favourable settlement. Adieu, &c

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prospera dirigat et conservet clementia Salvatoris. Script., etc.

731.—Littera pro W. de Saundeford incarcerato in castro de Saltwode. Gallicè. (1343.) L. 79 a.

Cher amy, por ceo qe nous sumes priez de par W. de Saundeford, qe nous vous voirioms prier qil ne soit si durementes tenuz en prison deinz le Chastel de Saltwode, et qil puisse oyer sa messe, et aler sus et uis de deinz le dit chastel, prenantz de lui auxi sure garde come vous vorriez meismes ordiner; kar sil soit tenuz en le dit prison en la manere com il est il ne puist, a ceo qil dist, longmentes endurer. Por quey, si vous poez bonement et surement faire sa dite requeste, y nous semble qe vous en averez almoigne et charite de lui aiser. A Dieu, etc.

The Prior pleads to an official of the Arch-bishop for a prisoner in Saltwood Castle whose confinement is unwholesomely close.

732. Item pro eodem W. in Latinis. (1343.) L. 79 a.

Amice carissime, ex parte Willelmi de Sandford multipliciter et instanter rogati, qui, pro quibusdam causis, sicut scitis, apud Castrum de Saltwode, in quodam loco stricto et minus honesto, continue detinetur inclusus, adeo quod nisi cum eodem agatur mitius et in brevi de vita et sanitate sua poterit, ut idem W. asserit, desperare, vestram amicitiam duximus exorandum, quatinus pro eodem instare velitis erga dominum nostrum communem precibus oportunis, ut sic de statu suo pro corporis et animæ suæ salute

A paraphrase of the above letter in Latin.

disponere gratiose dignetur, ut ad audiendam missam, infra muros saltem dicti castri, et capiendam aerem competenter poterit aliquotiens spaciari. Et ad hoc excitandum dictum dominum, intuitu caritatis, rogare velitis Dominum J. Cook, ut ad sui hujusmodi relevamen faciat id quod potest. De statu vero dicti domini et vestro, ac suæ visitationis expeditione felici, audire cupimus bona nova. Semper in Domino feliciter valeatis.

(1343.) L. 78 *b*.

733.—Littera directa Domino Priori Norwycensi super exactione præsumpta per eum facta pro procurationibus Dominorum Cardinalium.

The Prior of Christ Church remonstrates with the Prior of Norwich, who has been extortionate in his office of collector of the *procurations* of the deputy of the Papal Nuntii.

Domine, miramur non modicum de hoc quod vos et fratres vestri, pro collectione procurationum Dominorum Cardinalium deputati in diœcesi Norwycensi, nos et Ecclesiam nostram Cantuariensem, super indebita exactione procurationis hujusmodi pro spiritualibus et temporalibus nostris quæ in villa de Deepham, dictæ diœcesis, optinemus, nitemini, plus quam collectores aliarum diœcesium, in quibus etiam spiritualia et temporalia habemus consimilia, singulariter infestare; præcipue cum, sicut et vos et alii religiosi ita et nos, pro singulis spiritualibus et temporalibus ubicunque et in quibuscunque diœcesibus habitis, unum certum, nomine procurationum hujusmodi, nos, videlicet, viij. libras duntaxat, solvere teneamur; de quibus quidem octo libris Domino Abbati Sancti Augustini Cantuariensis satisfecimus competenter, prout per litteras acquietanciæ super hoc confectas, quas vobis inspiciendas dirigimus, plenius poterit apparere. A nullo enim nisi a vobis aliqualiter infestamur. Quocirca, vestram circumspectionem requirimus et rogamus, quatinus, rei veritate pensata, velitis ab hujusmodi exactione præsumpta omnino desistere, vel saltem

eandem et ipsius executionem suspendere, quousque per majores nostros discussum fuerit quid in hac parte facere teneamur; scituri quod parati semper erimus facere quicquid repertum fuerit fore consonum rationi. Vosque volumus, quoad suspensionem executionis prædictam, indempnes per omnia conservare. In prosperitate votiva Altissimus vos conservet. Script., etc.

734.—PROCURATORIUM MAGISTRI THOMÆ STYVE DE VINEIS ET VINIS NOSTRIS FRANCIÆ.

12 May 1344.

L. 95 *b*.

Power of attorney given to the agent who has the care of the French vineyards and wines of the Convent.

Universis pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus permissione, etc. facimus, etc. Magistrum Thomam Styve clericum procuratorem nostrum, etc. Dantes eidem potestatem ad petendum, etc. vina et omnia alia bona nostra, etc. in regno Franciæ, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro, xij° die mensis Maii, anno Domini M°CCC°XLIIIJ^to^. Præsentibus valituris donec eas duxerimus revocare.

735.—LITTERA DIRECTA ABBATI MONASTERII SANCTI DIONISII FRANCIÆ PRO VINIS NOSTRIS IBIDEM.

(May 1344.)

L. 95 *b*.

The Abbot of St. Denys is asked to promote at the French Court a petition sent from Canterbury asking the King of France to pay the arrears of the Wine of St. Thomas,

Venerandæ religionis viro Domino . . . . Dei gratia Abbati Sancti Dionisii in Francia, Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Reverende domine, scribimus excellentissimo principi Domino Philippo Regi Franciæ, humiliter supplicando, quod cum dudum celebris memoriæ Dominus Ludowycus quondam rex Franciæ, ob devotionem sanctam et dilectionem sinceram quas habuit ad beatum et gloriosum martirem Thomam, dudum dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ Archiepiscopum, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ centum modios vini, in castellaria Pissiaci percipiendos annuatim in puram et perpetuam elemosinam concessit,

withheld through wars.

quos, propter guerrarum dispendia, per decem annos jam elapsos percipere nullatenus potuimus, placeret suæ celsitudini reverendæ, pro honore et dilectione votiva dicti martiris gloriosi, suis præcipere servitoribus et ministris ut de arreragiis dictorum centum modiorum vini, de dictis decem annis sic a retro existentibus, nobis satisfacerent competenter. Quocirca vestræ reverenciæ, de qua[1] in inmensum confidimus, humiliter supplicamus quatinus, negotia dicti martiris cordi pro nobis habens,[2] ipsa erga Dominum Regem prædictum promovere dignetur, et pro eorundem expeditione felici consilium vestrum et auxilium impendere graciosum. Super quibus negotiis vobis seriosius exponendis, credere velitis, si placet, dilecto nostro domicello Simoni Monyn præsentium portitori. Et si quæ fuerint vos vel aliquos de vestris tangentia, quæ per nos in nostris partibus poterunt expediri, nobis

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26 June 1344.

L. 79 *a*.

737.—COMMISSIO FACTA THOMÆ DE BETENHAM PRO QUIBUSDAM ARDUIS NEGOTIIS IN CURIA NOSTRA DE MERSTHAM PLACITANDIS, PER QUAM ASSOCIATUS EST BALLIVO NOSTRO IBIDEM PRO NEGOTIIS SUPRADICTIS.

A skilled lawyer is associated as assessor to the Bailiff of Merstham Manor, who by virtue of his office is about to try a case too weighty

Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour del Esglise de Caunterbires as noz Baillifs, et as toutz noz ministres de nostre manoir de Merstham, et as toutz autres as quieux cestes lettres vendront, salutz en Jesu Crist. Come donez nous soit entendre qascunes busoignes de haute matire soient pendauntes en nostre Court de Merstham, quieles sont ja apleder en y cele, nous est avys qe, le plus qe celes busoignes portent en eux meismes charge, de tant est plus esploit et busoign dafforcer nostre Court illeosqes affaire droiture

[1] *quo*, MS. | [2] *habentes*, MS.

fiducialiter rescribatis, et erimus sine fictione parati facere quæ poterimus bono modo. Valeat semper in Christo vestra dominatio reverenda. Script. Cantuar.

736.—ACQUIETANCIA FACTA THOMÆ LE MAY DE STREPIAMENTO COQUINÆ DE WALLEWORTH.

1 June 1344.

L. 181 *a*.

A tenant is released from responsibility for waste committed on the buildings of the Manor House at Walworth.

Universis, etc. quod nos Robertus Prior, etc. remisimus et condonavimus, etc. Thomæ le May, civi Londoniensi, omnimodas actiones, etc. quas erga eum habere potuerimus ratione strepiamenti cujusdam coquinæ nostræ nuper existentis in manerio nostro de Walleworth, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ primo die Junii anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo quarto.

737.

Robert by God's permission Prior, &c. to the Bailiffs and all our officials of our manor of Merstham, and all others to whom these letters shall come, greeting in Jesus Christ. Whereas it is given to us to understand that certain matters of high import are pending in our Court at Merstham, which are to be at the present time pleaded there, and we are aware that the more weighty these matters are in themselves the more duty and need there is to urge our Court there to do right and justice to all parties; hence we have for this reason

for his skill.

et reson de toutes pars; si, avoms par tant ordinez et establiz nostre cher et bien amez Thomas de Betenham, qest de nostre conseil, destre illeosqes en noun de nous en aide a tenier la dite Court, associez a lui nostre Baillif de nostre dit manoir sil entreviegne, ou si ceo nonn li meismes de la tenier, auxi bien por la mayntenaunce et sauvete de nostre estat et de la fraunchise de nostre dite Esglise, com por le hastif droit et equitez des parties par devant lui illeosqes pledantz; eiantz de sus ceo ferm et estable tout ceo qe le dit Thomas en tenaunt la Court susdites en nostre noun ferra, ou ordeignera destre fait; sauve toutes voies lestat de nous et la fraunchise de nostre dite Esglise de toutz pointz nyent blemye. En tesmoignaunce de quieu chose nous lui avoms fait faïre cestes noz lettres patentes. Donez en nostre manoir de Broke pres de Wy, le xxvj. jour de Juyn, lan du reigne le Roy Edward tiers apres le Conquest dizoytisme.

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2 July (1344).

L. 79 *b*.

738.—Littera nobis directa per Priorem Wyntoniensem cupientem scire et audire prospera de statu nostro.

A letter of compliments sent by the Prior of Winchester to the Prior of Christ Church as an introduction for the pilgrim who brought it.

Salutis et gaudii plenitudinem. Consors amantissime, quia de status vestri continentia scire et audire prospera nobis foret lætitiæ magna materia, dilectionem vestram corditer rogamus quatinus de eisdem certitudinem, per dilectum filium nostrum Fratrem Willelmum de Sparsholte, latorem præsentium, qui causa devotionis ad Sanctum Thomam ex nostra licentia accedit, nos si libeat certiorare velitis; scientes nos grata corporis sospitate vigere, quod de vobis ac vestris [audire] pleno desideramus affectu, parati semper votorum vestrorum beneplacitis, in hiis quæ

appointed and empowered our dear and well beloved Thomas de Betenham, who is one of our counsel, to be present there in our name, in order to assist in holding the said Court, our Bailiff of our said manor being associated with him if he be present, or if he be not then to hold the Court himself, both for the maintenance and security of our dignity and the privileges of our Church, and also for the speedy administering of law and equity to the parties there pleading; holding moreover firm and secure all that which the said Thomas shall do in our name whilst holding the aforesaid Court; our dignity being always assured and the privileges of our Church in no way infringed. In witness whereof, &c.

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potuerimus, inclinato animo condescendere. In votivis vestra amicitia feliciter prosperetur. Scriptum Wyntoniæ ij^do die mensis Julii.

739.—Littera responsalis per Dominum Robertum Priorem ad eandem regratiatoria. 7 July (1344).

L. 79 *b*.

A polite reply to the last letter.

Domine et amice carissime. Ex eo quod de status nostri continentia scire desideratis prospera et audire, gratias vobis referimus puro corde, [vos] scire volentes, quod eo plenius corporis sanitate gaudemus quo de persona vestra, per Fratrem Willelmum de Sparsholte, commonachum vestrum, latorem præsentium, et per vestras litteras nobis in hac parte directas, nova percepimus nobis placida, pariter et optata; affectantes

non modicum, quatenus potuerimus, vestræ placere in omnibus beneplacito voluntatis. Valeat in Christo vestra sincera dilectio prospere cum salute. Scripta Cantuariæ sub nostro sigillo privato in festo Translationis Beati Thomæ Martiris.

(1344.) L. 79 *a.*

740.—LITTERA DIRECTA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO PRO MAGISTRO J. DE G. RATIONE PROMOTIONIS SUÆ.

A letter of recommendation sent to the Archbishop by the hands of a clerk to whom he is about to give preferment.

Pater et Domine reverende, mitto paternitati vestræ reverendæ vestrum clericum et meum Magistrum J. de W., præsentium portitorem, ex causa promotionis suæ, inter vos et me die Veneris proximo præterito in camera vestra apud Saltwode, sicut scitis, tactæ, vobiscum loquturum, et benedictionem vestram cum promotione sua, cum Dei adjutorio et vestro, pro commodo et honore Ecclesiæ vestræ ut firmiter spero, recepturum. Valeat Dominus meus et pater in Christo et matre ejus virgine gloriosa. Script., etc.

(1344.) L. 79 *a.*

741.—LITTERA PRIVATA DIRECTA DICTO DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO QUOD IPSE VELIT ADMITTERE ILLUM QUEM DOMINUS PRIOR REPUTAT MAGIS YDONEUM DE ILLIS TRIBUS PERSONIS EIDEM ARCHIEPISCOPO NOMINATIS PRO OFFICIO SUPPRIORATUS.

The Prior whilst, according to custom, nominating three monks to the Archbishop, of whom one is to be selected for an office, points out that one

Pater et Domine reverende, de illis tribus personis ad supprioratus officium vobis, per alias litteras, nominatis, magis ydoneum reputo Fratrem W. de B., juxta meæ conscientiæ puritatem. Et ideo vestræ reverendæ paternitati supplico, quatinus [quam] citius quo commode fieri poterit ipsum ad dictum officium velitis admittere, pro commodo et utilitate communi, ac michi vestris significare litteris quem ipsorum trium fratrum ad dictum officium duxeritis acceptandum, in Capitulo, prout moris est, publice nominan-

dum. Valeat Dominus meus in Christo in prosperos pacis annos. Dat. etc.

whom he himself thinks most worthy.

742.—LITTERA DE CONCESSIONE MEREMII CUIDAM CLERICO DOMINI J. ARCHIEPISCOPO AD ROGATUM IPSIUS. (1344–8.) L. 79 *b.*

Pater et Domine reverende, intellectis vestris litteris michi missis, juxta ipsarum exigentiam, mitto vobis per portitorem præsentium litteras meas illi directas qui liberare debebit illas sex quercus, quas alias præfato clerico vestro Domino Stephano de Scaldeford, pro mansi sui reparatione, concessi; addendo eisdem tres alias, vestrarum intuitu litterarum. Statum meum vestræ reverendæ paternitati commendo, per vos, vestri gratia, plurimum emendatum. Valete, etc.

The Prior announces to the Archbishop that he has given nine oaks to one of the Archbishop's clerks for the repair of his house.

743.—LITTERA DIRECTA FRATRI W. DE CHERTHAM PRO HUJUSMODI MEREMIO LIBERANDO. (1344–8.) L. 79 *b.*

Frater carissime, quia, ad rogatum domini nostri Archiepiscopi, concessimus Domino S. de Scaldeford, rectori ecclesiæ de Cherlewode, ad reparationem mansi sui ibidem, ix. quercus pro meremio competentes, volumus quod ipsas de bosco nostro ibidem sibi faciatis quamcitius commode potueritis liberari, et hoc in loco, si commodius fieri potuerit, sine dampno. Semper in Domino valeatis.

The warrant for the delivery of the above-mentioned timber.

744.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA DIRECTA MAGISTRO N. DE YEFTELE REGISTRARIO, QUOD QUÆDAM CAUSA INTER CERTAS PERSONAS PENDERE VALEAT, SUB SPE PACIS, ETC. (1344–8.) L. 80 *a.*

Amice carissime, quia intelleximus quod quædam causa vertitur, seu verti speratur, in audientia Domini

The Prior asks the

Arch-bishop's Registrar to delay the hearing of a cause in which there is hope of an arrangement.

inter H. de Schit' et Johannem de Gold', et habent diem coram Domino, videlicet, diem Lunæ proximum post festum Sancti Gregorii ad procedendum in ipsa, affectamusque non modicum, quia sunt tenentes nostri, quod pax esset inter ipsos, sine judicii strepitu, reformata, ac idem Johannes de Gold' ordinationi nostræ in hac parte se stare velle promisit, simusque per quosdam amicos nostros ad scribendum pro ipso multipliciter excitati cum instantia; vos rogamus quatinus diligenter instare velitis, quod dicta causa, quoad diem Lunæ prædictum, pendere valeat, sub spe pacis, usque ad proximam sessionem. Speramus enim quod interim debeant utiliter concordari. Semper in Domino valeatis, etc.

(1344-8.)
L. 79 *b*.

745.—LITTERA MISSA MAGISTRO N. DE YEFTELE REGISTRARIO AD DEFERENDUM CITATIONEM PRO PRIORISSA ET SORORIBUS SANCTI JACOBI JUXTA CANTUARIAM.

The College of St. Jacob's Hospital, having been cited to answer a charge, the Prior asks the Archbishop's Registrar to postpone further proceedings.

Amice carissime, quia datum est nobis intelligi, quod Priorissa et sorores domus Sancti Jacobi juxta Cantuariam, cujus sumus et fuimus ab antiquo custodes, sint citatæ coram Domino nostro communi, pro eo quod ecclesiam de Bradegare, eisdem appropriatam, ut dicitur dimiserunt ad firmam, quæ quidem mulieres non deberent nec consueverunt, nobis inconsultis, coram aliquo judice comparere, nec invite trahi ad judicium quovismodo, vos cum affectione rogamus, quatinus ad deferendum dictum negotium et citationem instare velitis, et dilationem hujusmodi efficaciter procurare, donec super hiis vobiscum et cum consilio domini habere potuerimus colloquium et tractatum. Semper in Christo prospere valeatis. Script., etc.

746.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA PRO MODERATIONE PŒNITENTIÆ INJUNCTÆ CERTIS FRATRIBUS. (1344-8.) L. 79 *b*.

Pater et Domine reverende, pro pœnitentia fratribus meis D. de S. et J. de L., auctoritate vestra, nuper injuncta, aliquantulum moderanda, vestræ clementiæ supplicarem, et vestræ reverendæ paternitati minime crederem displicere. Super quo vestrum, si placet, beneplacitum michi vestro rescribere dignemini per præsentium portitorem. Valeat meus pater et dominus semper in Domino Jesu Christo. Script., etc.

The Prior asks the Archbishop to mitigate the penance imposed by him on certain monks.

747.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA SUPER BONO REGIMINE CORPORIS NOSTRI, ET SUPER OSTENSIONE OPERIS ECCLESIÆ NOSTRÆ, ET SUPER CONTRITIONE DICTORUM FRATRUM NOSTRORUM. (1344-8.) L. 79 *b*.

Pater et Domine reverende, de bono regimine corporis mei, quo vestro sano consilio et informatione sum usus, et febres pessimas jam evasi, ac aliis beneficiis infinitis vestræ clementiæ gratias refero quales possum; ad vos remittens Magistrum Hugonem lathomum, præsentium portitorem, cui, statim vestris quoad hoc receptis litteris, feci diligenter ostendere dictum opus vestræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ, in hac parte quatenus brevitas permittit temporis sufficienter instructum. Adhuc pater reverende, quia video frateres meos D. de S. et J. de L. de commissis valde contritos, et pœnitentiam, ipsis auctoritate vestra nuper injunctam, humiliter sustinentes, paternitati vestræ reverendæ, quatenus sum ausus, supplico puro corde quatinus dictam pœnitentiam hac vice sub gestu eorundem dignemini misericorditer relaxare. Valeat meus pater et dominus prospere et semper in Domino Jesu Christo. Script., etc.

The Prior thanks the Archbishop for useful medical advice. A skilled surveyor has inspected the fabric of the Cathedral. The offending monks are penitent.

(1344-8.)
L. 80 *a*.

748.—Littera supplicatoria Domino Archiepiscopo directa pro reformatione pacis inter Dominum J. Cryel, Alanum de Twytham, et Thomam Seinlegier.

The Archbishop is asked to interpose in a quarrel between three of the gentry of Kent.

Pater et Domine reverende, inter alia pietatis opera non minimum reputarem inter subditos viros Alanum de Twytham et Thomam de Seinlegier, pro quibusdam terris, sicut scitis, inter se diutius litigantes, cedare discordiam et pacis vinculum reformare; et eo maxime quod hac de causa eorum amici et majores moventur, et moveri poterunt verisimiliter gravius in futurum. Nam idem Thomas nuper, apud Maydenestane coram Justiciis Domini Regis propter assisas ibidem existentibus et aliis gravibus et honestis personis, contra Dominum Cryel verba nimium excessiva protulit, ut audivi. Dixit enim publice, quod ipse cum amicis suis faceret partem ad plenum contra dictum Dominum Johannem et suos amicos quoscunque. Quæ verba ab amicis dicti Domini J. tanquam contemptibilia et contumeliosa notantur, et esse possint inter majores gravioris discordiæ et discencionis plurimum inductitia, nisi per vestrum consilium et auxilium celere remedium apponatur. Unde, si vestræ reverendæ paternitati placet, ipsos Dominum J., Alanum, et Thomam, infra brevem terminum ad vestram convocare præsentiam, et ipsos paternis et salutaribus monitis ad pacem et concordiam propensius excitare et caritatem, cum ipsis et Christo, cujus sunt filii, dignum obsequium præberetis; qui vos conservet in prosperis et semper dirigat in agendis.

(1344-8.)
L. 80 *a*.

749.—Item alia littera missa eidem Domino Archiepiscopo tangens materiam proximam præscriptam.

One of the parties in the above

Pater reverende, juxta vestrarum exigentiam litterarum, voluntatem Alani de Twytham diligentius

explorävi, qui erit vobiscum apud Lamheth in dicta[1] vigilia Epiphaniæ Domini, vita et sanitate comitibus, instructus cum consilio suo sicut poterit de pace et concordia cum vestro auxilio tractaturus. Qui vestræ reverendæ paternitati humiliter supplicat et devote, quatinus dicta negotia sua memoriæ compatienter habere velitis et cordi, quoniam ordinationi vestræ et Domini Comitis Huntyngdon stabit in omnibus confidenter; et eo securius quod omnia quæ habet se recognoscit sub vestris homagio et dominatione tenere. Valeat meus Dominus in Domino Jesu Christo. Script. etc.

mentioned quarrel intends to enlist the Archbishop on his side by means of a personal interview.

750.—Littera directa Domino Abbati Sancti Dyonisii in Francia quod habeat suum commonachum commendatum, et qualiter se habuit in prosecutione negotiorum suorum in partibus Anglicanis. (1344-8.) L. 80 *a*.

Venerandæ religionis viro Domino . . . . . Dei gratia Abbati monasterii Sancti Dyonisii in Francia, Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem, et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Domine reverende, Fratrem Thomam Le Jay, commonachum vestrum, portitorem præsentium, pro bono suo gestu et honesta conversatione in partibus Anglicanis velitis recommendatum habere, sicut vestræ reverentiæ, suis exigentibus meritis, multipliciter recommendamus eundem. Scimus enim veraciter, et testimonium perhibemus, quod dictus Frater Thomas prosecutione negotiorum suorum, pro prioratu de Dyorherst realiter optinendo, quatenus sibi possibile fuit vel alii cuicumque, se sagaciter habuit et prudenter; sed per maliciosam et importunam procurationem illius maledicti incumbentis de facto, quominus temporalia dicti prioratus habere potuit cum effectu, injuste

The Prior writes to the Abbot of St. Denys, speaking favourably of a monk of the latter Convent, who has been in England for the purpose of recovering possession of the Priory of Deerhurst.

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[1] Sic, MS.

fuit et est hactenus impeditus; sed speramus, cum Dei et amicorum adjutorio, quod quoad hoc utilius

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18 Aug. (1344–8).

L. 80 *a*.

751.—Littera responsalis facta Dominæ Philippæ Reginæ super sustentatione Aliciæ quæ fuit uxor Johannis de Bury apud Sanctum Jacobum.

The Queen has asked for a corrody in St. Jacob's for the widow of one of her esquires, but is told that the patronage of the place does not belong to the Prior of Christ Church.

A treshonurable dame, Dame Philippe par la grace de Dieu Royne Dengleterre, Dame Dirlaunde, et Duchesse Daquitaine, ses humbles chapelleins et devoutz Priour et Covent de Esglise de Caunterbirs se recommendent, apparcillez as ses commaundementz et pleisirs. Tresnoble Dame, nous receumes voz lettres le xvij^e jour Daugst, de grauntier a Alice, qi fuist la femme Johan de Bury nadgaires un de voz serveantz, a vostre requeste, sa sustinaunce a terme de sa vie en le hospital de Seint Jasks jouste Cantorbirs. Treshonurable Dame, vous plese savoir qil natient pas a nous de tiel chose donier ou grauntier illeosqe; kar il y a prioueresse et collegie, et eux meismes franchement foont et poont ordiner de lour bienz sicome eux quident faire lour profist; par quey nous ne pooms a plesaunce voz commaundementz et prieres a ceste foiz parfournir; de quey, tresgraciouse Dame, nous vous requeroms, sil vous plest, qe vous nous tiegnez pour escusez. Lui treshaut Seignur, tresamez Dame, vous eyt en garde, et encrese en corps et alme voz honurs. Escript en nostre Capitle le xviij. jour Daugst.

(1344–8.)

L. 80 *b*.

752.—Certificatio facta Domino Archiepiscopo super defectibus palatii sui in Cantuaria.

A description of the dilapida-

Pater et Domine reverende, receptis litteris vestris x^mo die mensis Martii proximo præterito, juxta ipsa-

expediet et in brevi. Valeat vestra reverenda dominatio per prosperos pacis annos. Script., etc.

751.

To the right honourable lady the Lady Philippa, by the grace of God Queen of England, &c. her humble and devoted chaplains the Prior and Convent of the Church of Canterbury recommend themselves, prepared to perform her commandments and will. Most noble Lady, we received your letters on the 17th of August, (requesting us) to grant at your request to Alice the widow of John de Bray, formerly one of your servants, a maintenance for life in St. Jacob's Hospital, near Canterbury. Right honourable Lady, please to understand that it is not for us to bestow or grant any such thing in that place; for there is a Prioress with her College, and they, of their own motion, can and do freely dispose of their own goods as they think best for their own profit; wherefore we cannot, in spite of our good will, fulfil your commandments and requests; and therefore, most gracious Lady, we beg you, if you please, to hold us excused in this case. The most High Lord, wellbeloved lady, have you in his keeping, and multiply to you honours in body and soul. Written, &c.

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rum exigentiam, statim ad palatium vestrum accessi ad videndum defectus ibidem, una cum operariis experientiam habentibus in præmissis, quos in quadam cedula, præsentibus inclusa, quatenus percipere potui, particulariter expressatos vestræ reverendæ paternitati

tions of the archiepiscopal palace at Canterbury.

transmitto. Valeat Dominus meus in Christo. Script., etc.

Defectus.

Memorandum: quod magna aula in palatio indiget magna reparatione, videlicet, in gutteris, coopertura, fenestris vitriis et ligneis, hostiis, atque muris. Item: Capella indiget reparatione in celatura. Item: Camera domini parva indiget reparatione, videlicet, in fenestris, hostiis, et coopertura. Item: Magna camera indiget majori reparatione, quia omnes fenestræ sunt fractæ, et pars muri ejusdem. Item: Coquina pro eadem camera reparari non potest, nisi de novo totaliter construatur. Item: Domus magna, quæ vocatur *Aula Beati Thomæ,* juxta cameram domini, est adeo ruinosa quod sine nova constructione reparari non potest. Item: Camera juxta magnam aulam indiget reparatione in coopertura. Item: Aliæ duæ cameræ, inter magnam aulam et magnam cameram situatæ, sunt adeo ruinosæ quod reparari non possunt sine constructione facienda de novo. Item: Magna coquina indiget coopertura. Item: Magna porta cum stabulis indiget magna reparatione, videlicet, in coopertura, hostiis, atque muris. Item: Multi sunt alii defectus in prædicto palatio, videlicet, in porticibus, gradibus, et aliis diversis partibus, quos ad præsens nescio numerare.

(1344-8.) L. 80 *a.*

753.—Littera eidem Domino Archiepiscopo directa super permutatione ecclesiæ de Eastry.

The Prior consents to an exchange of the benefice of Eastry for some other.

Pater et Domine reverende. Scire velitis quod Dominus Willelmus Scotte michi satisfacere promisit, juramento per ipsum præstito corporali, de pecunia michi debita a Domino Johanne rectore ecclesiæ de Eastry pro fructibus ecclesiæ de anno proximo venturo. Et ideo permutationi faciendæ inter eosdem dominos

Willelmum et Johannem, quatenus in me est, consentio sicut possum. Valeat meus Dominus in Christo prospere sicut opto. Script., etc.

754.—Littera pro sororibus Sancti Jacobi missa Domino Archiepiscopo pro uno *supersedeas* habendo super taxatione xvme Domino Regi concessæ. (1344-8.) L. 80 *b*.

Pater et Domine reverende, alias, rogando, vobis tetigi de statu humili pauperum sororum Sancti Jacobi juxta Cantuariam, quas in earum necessitate juvare michi, si recolitis, promisistis. Et quia nunc ad quintamdecimam Domino Regi concessam indebite sunt taxatæ, a cujus solutione, propter exilitatem bonorum, per vestrum auxilium fuerunt alias relevatæ, vestræ reverendæ paternitati supplico, humiliter sicut possum, quatinus ipsas adhuc juvare velitis, quod per unum *supersedeas* ab hujusmodi onere possint efficaciter liberari. Dierum longitudinem cum prosperitate felici tribuat vobis Christus. Script., etc.

The Sisters of St. Jacob's Hospital are too poor to pay a subsidy.

755.—Littera missa Domino Archiepiscopo qualiter Prior et Conventus præbuerunt assensum super appropriatione ecclesiæ de Ostryngehangre. (1344-8.) L. 80 *b*.

Pater et Domine reverende, scire velitis, si placet, quod de negotio appropriationis ecclesiæ de Ostryngehangre, de quo michi, si recolitis, alias tetigistis, cum fratribus meis, monachis Ecclesiæ Christi, xix^mo die mensis Septembris proximo præterito in Capitulo habui diligentem et solempnem tractatum; qui appropriationi hujusmodi, quatenus ad ipsos et me pertinet, una mecum tunc ibidem suum præbuerunt consensum;

The Chapter of Christ Church consent to the appropriation of Westenhanger Church.

salva tamen pensione quinque solidorum a prædicta ecclesia de Ostryngehangre dictæ Ecclesiæ Christi solvenda, prout alias fuerat prælocutum. Vestra reverenda paternitas in prosperis sit longæva. Script. etc.

(1344-8.) 756.—De receptione librorum Ecclesiæ datorum et de recommendatione facta pro eisdem.

L. 80 *b*.

A donor is thanked for a gift of books.

Carissime, scire velitis quod nos ultimo die Januarii recepimus, per quosdam de vestris, tres libros, videlicet, *Decretalium abbreviatorum*, *Veritatis theologiæ*, et *De proprietatibus rerum*, quos ostendi fecimus fratribus nostris in Capitulo, unde de dono vestro hujusmodi una cum dictis nostris fratribus vobis gratias referimus, et vestram devotionem in Domino commendamus. Valete, etc.

(1344-8.) 757.—Littera supplicatoria ut patronus velit consentire permutationi faciendæ inter certas personas volentes sua beneficia permutare.

L. 80 *b*.

The patron of a benefice is asked to consent to an exchange.

Frater carissime, quia intelleximus quod Dominus H., perpetuus vicarius ecclesiæ Sanctæ Mariæ juxta Dovoriam, et Dominus R. de S., habens perpetuam cantariam in Hospitali Sancti B. juxta Sandwicum, intendunt inter se sua beneficia hujusmodi, ex causis legitimis sicut asserunt, permutare; vestram fraternitatem requirimus et rogamus, quatinus eidem permutationi consentire velitis, nostris precibus et amore; facientes, si placet, ex parte vestra quicquid ad eandem permutationem pertinet cum effectu. Script. etc.

758.—LITTERA DIRECTA DOMINO J. ARCHIEPISCOPO QUOD UNUS ALIUS PRÆFICIATUR IN LOCO PŒNITENTIARII, PROPTER EJUS DEBILITATEM. (1344-8.) L. 80 *b*.

Scire velitis, pater reverende, quod Frater J. de S., monachus et unus de Pœnitentiariis vestris, tanta corporis adversa valitudine detinetur, quod officium hujusmodi pœnitentiariæ ad præsens exercere non potest nec posse commode in futurum speratur; propter quod michi videtur expediens quod, ipso absoluto ab hujusmodi officio, ut est moris, auctoritate vestra, præficiatur alius in eodem. Vestrum, si placet, super hoc beneplacitum rescribere dignemini michi vestro. In pace votiva vos custodiat pacis Auctor. Script. etc.

The Penitentiary of Christ Church is infirm, and the Prior asks the Archbishop to allow another to be appointed.

759.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO QUOD VELIT PRO BONO QUIETIS ET UNITATIS FRATRUM ACCEPTARE NOMINATOS SIBI AD OFFICIUM PŒNITENTIARII. (1344-3.) L. 81 *a*.

Pater reverende, nuper ad officium Pœnitentiarii in Ecclesia vestra Cantuariensi, per Fratrem J. de Sandwico sicut scitis occupatum ultimo, devotus vester Conventus tres fratres, videlicet, Ricardum de Willardeseye, Edmundum de Chymbham, et Michaelem de Cornubia, monachos, vobis una mecum, sicut moris est, nominavit; devote supplicans quatinus unum de nominatis prædictis ad dictum officium admittere vestra reverenda paternitas dignaretur, sicut a prædecessoribus vestris fuit antiquitus observatum; quæ supplicatio nondum extitit, ut audivi, efficaciter exaudita; de quo omnes et singuli de Conventu non modica sunt admiratione turbati. Propter quod, vestram reverendam paternitatem humiliter deprecor cum eisdem, quatinus, pro bono quietis, unitatis, et pacis, juxta petitionem ipsorum hujusmodi et antiquam

Three monks are nominated, from whom the Archbishop is asked to select one as Penitentiary of the Convent.

consuetudinem, unum de prædictis nominatis ad dictum officium, quod nunc dispendiose vacare dinoscitur, benigne et gratenter acceptare velitis, et nominantium sic turbatos et desolatos animos paterna provisione solita confortare. Et licet omnes nominati prædicti sunt quoad hoc sufficientes et ydonei, crederem tamen dictum Fratrem Michaelem, suis meritis et conditione pensatis, fore ceteris præferendum. Vestrum si placet beneplacitum michi super hoc rescribere dignemini graciosum. In votiva vos dirigat pace Christus. Script. etc.

(1344-8.) 760.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA DE CAUSIS SEU QUERELIS CESSANDIS QUOUSQUE, ETC.

L. 81 *a*.

A patron is asked to stay proceedings in a suit between Christ Church and Eastbridge Hospital.

Amice carissime, vestram amicitiam, de qua plene confidimus puro corde, rogamus, quatinus a quibuscunque querelis et causis inter nos et Dominum Rogerium de Rondes, Magistrum Hospitalis Beati Thomæ Martyris de Eastbregg in Cantuaria, motis hactenus seu movendis, amore nostri, cessare velitis, quousque super hiis adinvicem colloquium habere potuerimus personale, quod erit, sicuti speramus, in brevi. Valete, etc.

(1344-8.) 761.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA PRO REMEDIO HABENDO DE LANIS NON COLLIGENDIS PER THOMAM DE RETLYNGG.

L. 81 *a*.

The Archbishop is asked to procure the release of one of the officers of the Monastery from the duty of collecting

Pater reverende, devoti vestri filii Prior et Conventus Ecclesiæ vestri Christi habent unam servientem, sibi utilem et fidelem, Thomam de Retlyngg, qui, per quosdam suos æmulos, nominatus est ac etiam procuratus ad quoddam officium Domini Regis sibi et nobis dampnosum et similiter odiosum, videlicet, ad colligendum lanas ejusdem Domini Regis, quod facere non posset absque gravi dampno nostro et

notabili detrimento. Propter quod, vestræ reverendæ paternitati supplicant humiliter et devote, quatinus de aliquo remedio in hac parte sibi et nobis providere velitis, si placet, per quod tantæ sollicitudinis onere graciose poterit relevari. Valeat meus pater et dominus in prosperitate votiva. Script. etc.

the King's subsidy of wool.

762.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA ET SUPPLICATORIA PRO NEGOTIIS ET JURIBUS ECCLESIÆ, JUXTA INFORMATIONEM PORTITORIS LITTERÆ, CONSERVANDIS.

(1344–8.) L. 81 *a*.

Pater et Domine reverende, pro magno subsidio et consolatione vestra, quam nuper fecistis in negotiis vobis per Fratrem W. de Chartham oretenus expositis, ipsum in eisdem dignanter audientibus et benigne, omnimodas gratiarum actiones refero quales possum; vestræ reverendæ paternitati humiliter supplicando, quatinus in dictis negotiis, vobis per Johannem de Strode latorem præsentium plenius declarandis et cum vestro salubri consilio pertractandis, juxta informationem ejusdem, vestrum impendere dignemini graciosum patrocinium et juvamen, pro jure Ecclesiæ vestræ in ea parte feliciter conservando. Valeat meus dominus in prospera pace Christi. Script. etc.

The Archbishop is thanked for good counsel given to the Prior.

763.—VEL SIC.

Pater reverende, ex eo quod, inter cetera vestræ reverendæ paternitatis opera, in negotiis nuper vobis per Fratrem W. de Chartham oretenus expositis vestrum benignum præstitistis auditum, omnimodas gratiarum, etc. *ut supra*.

Another form of the same.

(1348.) L. 81 *a*.

764.—Reverendo et discreto viro Magistro Ricardo Vachan Archidiacono Surreiæ littera supplicatoria de veniendo pro negotiis.

A learned adviser is asked to come to Canterbury to give counsel, the see being vacant after the death of Archbishop Stratford.

Amice, de vestra antiqua et fideli amicitia confidentes, vobis per præsentes intimamus, quod habemus quædam negotia mirabiliter ardua in Curia Domini nostri Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis jam in præsenti tractanda, quæ concernunt Ecclesiam nostram Cantuariensem necnon etiam nostram personam; quæ quidem negotia sine vestra præsentia, auxilio, et consilio nullo modo poterunt expediri, vos rogamus toto corde, quatinus, receptis præsentibus et rebus vestris dispositis, versus nostram ecclesiam prædictam sine moræ diffugio velitis dirigere gressus vestros; et hoc sicut honorem Ecclesiæ nostræ supradictæ ut speramus firmiter adoptatis. Valete.

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8 Dec. 1348.

766.—Commissio Johannis Bryan.

L. 82 *a*.

Notice sent to the tenants of the midland manors of Christ Church of the appointment of a superintendent having authority in those manors.

Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour del Esglise de Caunterbirs, as toutz noz fealx, et lealx, et provostz de noz manoirs de Haltone, Newenton, et Ryssebergh, en les countees de Oxinford et Bukks, salutz en Dieu. Come nous eioms ordinez nostre cher et bien amez Johan Bryan surveieur de noz manoirs avauntditz, por la grande lealte, profist, et diligence, qe nous avoms trovez en lui, a prendre garde au geynage de noz terres, et a lestor dy celes illeosqes, et qe toutes les ventes de noz bledz et de nostre dit estor et les escatz en y celes parties se facent par avys et assignement le dit Johan, voloms et maundoms, qe as les choses susdites faire desorenavant a lui soiez attendantz; eyantz ferm et estable ce qe le dit Johan ferra en nostre noun en les choses desusdites.

765.—ITEM: ALIA DE VENIENDO (1348.)

L. 81 *a*.

A similar request.

Carissime, ex certa causa vellemus vobiscum habere colloquium infra tres dies harum datum proximos sequentes. Hac ratione, vos rogamus ex affectu, quatinus infra prædictum terminum, si hoc commode fieri possit, vestram corporalem præsentiam nobis apud Cantuariam adhibere non omittatis.

ITEM: ALIA DE EODEM. (1348.)

Amice, propter aliqua secreta quæ vobis habemus dicenda, specialiter vos rogamus quatinus taliter vos ordinare velitis, quod sitis nobiscum apud Cantuariam citra diem Dominicum proximum secuturum, et hoc secretius quo potestis. In Christo valete.

766.

Robert by God's permission, &c. to all our faithful and loyal men, and to the Provosts of our manors of Halton, Newington, and Risborough, in the counties of Oxon and Bucks, greeting in God. As we, for the great loyalty, profit, and diligence which we have found in him, have appointed our dear and well beloved John Bryan superintendent of our aforesaid manors, so that he may take charge of the cultivation of our said lands, and of the stock there, and that all the sales of corn and of our said stock, and all purchases in those parts, be made by the advice and direction of the said John, we will and command that in the doing of the aforesaid things you be from henceforth obedient to him; and we, on our part, will hold firm and secure all that the said John shall do in our name in the aforesaid matters.

Et nespas nostre entencioun qe nostre Seneschal en y celes parties soit restreint, qil ne face ce qattient a son office. En tesmoignaunce de quieu chose nous avoms fait cestes noz lettres patentes, asseallez de nostre seal, adurer a nostre volente. Donez a Caunterbirs le viij. jour de Decembre lan de grace le Roy Edward tiers apres le conqueste xxij.

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22 Jan. 1349.

L. 81 *b*.

Archbishop Ufford writes to say that he hears that Aledone (the insubordinate monk of A.D. 1325?) is undergoing an over severe punishment.

767.—Littera directa Domino Priori per Electum confirmatum tangens Fratrem Robertum de Aledone.

Carissime, vos scire volumus et secretius præmunimus, quod, post recessum vestrum de Londoniis, ad auditum nostrum pervenit quod unus de confratribus vestris, vocatus Frater Robertus de Aledone, inter vos et confratres vestros, certis de causis sibi impositis quæ nos latent, arguitur de suspecto, et modernis temporibus, non sine nota scandali, rigidius quam convenit pertractatur. Volentes vero, prout ad nostri officii debitum attinet, hujusmodi scandala removere; vobis consulimus, mero motu, quatinus dictum confratrem taliter faciatis decetero pertractari, ut asperitas sibi facta debite temperetur, correctionemque juxta regulares observantias sentiat, non vindictam, ne super hoc oporteat aliud remedium adhiberi. Conservet vos Dominus Jesus Christus. Scripta Londoniis xxij^do^ die Januarii.

16 Feb. (1349).

L. 82 *a*.

The Prior replies that not only is Aledone's

768.—Responsio ad eandem litteram missa præfato Domino Electo per Priorem.

Pater et Domine reverende, vestras litteras reverenter recepi, inter alia continentes, quod pervenerit ad vestrum auditum quod unus de fratribus meis, vo-

But it is not by any means our intention that our Seneschal in those parts should be checked, so that he may not do all that belongs to his office. In witness, &c.

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catus Robertus de Aledone, inter me et confratres meos, certis de causis sibi impositis quæ vos latent, arguitur de suspecto, et modernis temporibus, non sine nota scandali, rigidius quam convenit pertractatur, in scandalum aliorum. Unde scire dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda, quod non sicut vobis suggeritur acerbius quam convenit pertractatur, sed, consideratis suis demeritis et excessibus, mitius cum eodem agitur quam regularis disciplina exigit et requirit, et quod sibi, loco regularis disciplinæ, salubriter est injunctum, non ex capite meo nec ad vindictam aliquam, sed ex ordinatione communi et unanimi consensu omnium et singulorum confratrum meorum cum debita deliberatione processit, sicut ipsi vos in adventu vestro seriosius informabunt. Ad Ecclesiæ suæ regimen vos conservet Trinitas indivisa. Scripta Cantuariæ xvjmo die mensis Februarii.

punishment not too severe, but it is not, considering his demerits, severe enough.

769.—Littera de sustentatione concessa Magistro Ricardo Vachan Archidiacono Surreiæ.

24 Feb. 1349.

L. 82 *a*.

Universis Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis præsentes litteras inspecturis, Frater Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Noveritis quod, ex unanimi consensu et voluntate nostris,

A dwelling and a daily supply of food, with an annual livery, gown,

granted to the Archdeacon of Surrey, the standing Counsel of the Convent.

concessimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, Magistro Ricardo de Vachan, Legum Doctori, ad terminum vitæ suæ, pro suo laudabili servitio nobis impensis, et pro suis obsequiis nobis et nostris successoribus impendendis, honestam sustentationem, secundum exigentiam status sui, in esculentis et poculentis percipiendis et habendis ad mensam honestam infra nostrum prioratum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis; et quolibet anno, ad terminum vitæ suæ, robam secundum exigentiam status sui competentem cum fururis, sicut habuit a nobis anno præsenti. Concessimus etiam, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, eidem Magistro Ricardo, ad terminum vitæ suæ, cameram, videlicet, solarium noviter ædificatum ex opposito novæ aulæ firmariæ versus Orientem, cum libero introitu et exitu ad eandem cameram. Concessimus insuper pro nobis et successoribus nostris eidem Magistro Ricardo, ad terminum vitæ suæ, quod possit habere armigerum, et tres garciones, et tres equos infra nostrum prioratum prædictum, nostris sumptibus competentibus et expensis. Ad quas quidem concessiones nostras prædictas, omnes et singulas fideliter faciendas et observendas, obligamus nos, et successores nostros, et prioratum nostrum prædictum. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune præsentibus est appensum. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xxiiij^to^ die mensis Februarii anno Domini MCCCXLVIIJ^o^.

4 March 1349.

L. 82 *b*.

770.—PRÆSENTATIO (SIMPLEX) ROBERTI DE GARWYNTONE AD ECCLESIAM SANCTI PANCRATII LONDONIARUM.

Presentation of a clerk to the Church of St. Pancras in the City.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino, Domino Johanni Dei gratia Electo Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ confirmato, sui humilis et devoti Robertus Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem. Ad ecclesiam Sancti Pan-

cratii Londoniarum, vestræ jurisdictionis immediatæ seu exemptæ, vacantem, et ad nostram præsentationem spectantem, dilectum nobis in Christo Robertum de Garwynton, clericum vestræ diœcesis, paternitati vestræ reverendæ, caritatis intuitu, præsentamus; humiliter supplicantes quatinus dignemini eundem Robertum ad eandem ecclesiam admittere, et ipsum rectorem instituere in eadem; ceteraque exequi cum favore quæ incumbunt vestro pastorali officio in hac parte. In cujus rei, *etc.* Data in Capitulo nostro quarto die mensis Martii anno Domini MCCCXLVIIJ°.

771.—PROCURATORIUM DOMINI J. DE ECCLISHALE AD EXIGENDUM ET RECIPIENDUM CENTUM ET OCTOGINTA ET QUINQUE LIBRAS ET XX. DENARIOS DE DOMINO REGE NOBIS DEBITOS. 24 April 1349. L. 82 *b.*

Pateat universis quod nos Frater Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis dilectum nobis in Christo Dominum Johannem de Ecclishale, Canonicum Ecclesiæ Londoniensis, procuratorem nostrum verum, et legitimum negotiorum gestorem, et nuntium specialem facimus ordinamus et constituimus per præsentes; dantes et concedentes eidem plenam et liberam potestatem et mandatum speciale, nomine nostri, petendi, exigendi, et recipiendi, a Domino nostro Rege Domino Edwardo Dei gratia Rege Angliæ et Franciæ illustri centum et octoginta et quinque libras et xx. denarios sterlingorum, nobis per litteras suas patentes debitos ab eodem; ac de solutis et receptis acquietanciam . . . . faciendi, alium procuratorem loco sui substituendi, *etc.*

Power of attorney authorising a person to demand and receive a sum of money owing to the Chapter by the King.

In cujus rei testimonium, *etc.* Data Cantuariæ xxiiij^{to} die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M°CCC°XL° nono.

3 Oct. 1349.

L. 83 *a*.

Commission given to the Deputy Seneschal of the Weald for holding manor courts.

772.—Commissio Johannis de Whatele ad Curias nostras tenendas in Custodia de Waldis.

Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos Robertus, *etc.* Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis facimus et constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo Johannem de Whatele Ballivum nostrum, et tenentem locum Senescalli nostri, ipso absente, ac etiam attornatum nostrum specialem, ad curias nostras tenendas in maneriis nostris de Meopham, Rokyngg, Aghene cum Orgarswyk, Apuldre cum Fairfeld, Magna Chart, Parva Chart, Westwell, Berkesore, Eylwerton, Leyesdon, et Coptone cum Hamme; et ad supervidendum prædicta maneria nostra, waynagia terrarum, prata, pascua, *etc.* Volentes et mandantes quod omnes ministri, homines, et tenentes nostri, in dictis maneriis nostris, in omnibus quæ ad nos et Ecclesiam nostram prædictam super præmissis pertinent, præfato Johanni sint respondentes

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29 Dec. (1349).

L. 83 *b*.

The Prior acknowledges the receipt from the King of an offering for the Shrine of St. Thomas.

774.—Littera de chivagio Domini Regis.

A tresexcellent prince et treshonurable Seignur, Sire Edward, par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, etc. le soen humble chapellein Robert Priour del Esglise de Caunterbirs, ceo qil poeit de dues reverences et honurs. Tresnoble Seignur, vous plese savoir qe jay receu trois florins door, par les mains vostre cher et bien amez Robert de Erhethe sergeant darmes, por vostre offrende qe vous avez envoiez au glorious martir Seint Thomas; et si ay fait vostre offrende sur lauter devaunt le fretre du dit martir, et chaunte solempne messe por vous a meisme lauter, sicom moi et mes fraires sumes tenuz. Monsire, Dieu meintiegne vostre treshaute seignurie por long temps adurer. Escrit a Caunterbirs le xxix. jour Decembre en la feste Seint Thomas susdit.

et intendentes. In cujus rei, *etc.* Data Cantuariæ iij° die mensis Octobris anno regni Edwardi tertii post conquestum xxiij°. Omnes commissiones, sub quacumque forma verborum, quibuscumque personis, super præmissis prius factas revocamus per præsentes.

773.—Acquietancia de pensione rectoris ecclesiæ de Bothagh in Londonia. 26 Nov. 1349. L. 60 *b.*

Universis, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. recepimus, etc. de Domino Thoma de Boywyk, rectore de Bothagh Londoniæ, quadraginta quinque solidos sterlingorum, nomine pensionis annuæ quinque solidorum nobis ab eadem ecclesia debitæ, pro termino Sancti Andreæ Apostoli, videlicet de annis Domini M°CCC° tricesimo nono, etc. Data Cantuariæ in crastino Annunciacionis Virginis gloriosæ, anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo nono.

The Prior of Christ Church acknowledges the receipt of forty-five shillings, being arrears of a pension of five shillings due yearly from the Church of St. Mary Bothaw.

774.

To the most excellent prince and most honourable lord Sir Edward by the grace of God King of England, &c., his humble chaplain Robert Prior of the Church of Canterbury, all that he can of honour and reverence due. Most noble lord, please to know that I have received three florins of gold (by the hands of your dear and well beloved Robert of Erith, your Serjeant-at-arms) as your offering, which you have sent to the glorious Martyr St. Thomas; and in due course I have made your offering, upon the altar which is before the shrine of the said martyr, and have sung a solemn mass for you at the same altar, as I and my brethren are bound to do. My Lord, may God preserve your most exalted Lordship long to endure.

(1349.) 775.—LITTERA DOMINORUM PRIORIS ET CONVENTUS DE SUSTENTATIONE THOMÆ LONGCHAUMP.

L. 82 *a*.

The office of Keeper of the Court-gate of Christ Church is conferred upon Thomas de Longchamp, the emoluments of the office being given in detail.

Universis has litteras inspecturis, Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantueriensis, et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Ad notitiam vestram deduci volumus per præsentes, quod nos, unanimi assensu et consensu nostro, concessimus, et concedimus, ac etiam præsenti scripto confirmamus, dilecto nobis in Christo Thomæ, filio Domini Henrici de Longchaump militis, armigero nostro, ad terminum et per totum tempus vitæ suæ, officium custodiæ portæ nostræ interioris in monasterio nostro, juxta Aulam Hospitum situatæ; unacum camera consueta deputari officiario ipsius custodiæ et annexa dictæ portæ, ac cum omnibus et singulis feodis et proficcuis ad prædictum officium pertinentibus, seu solitis obvenire vel fieri officiario custodiæ supradictæ. Volumus etiam et concedimus sibi, quod, quamdiu vixerit, a nobis et nostris in Ecclesia nostra prædicta successoribus, percipiat et habeat in monasterio nostro prædicto sustentationem honestam statui suo convenientem, ut in esculentis et poculentis pro se et uno famulo suo, in camera, videlicet, nostra vocata Camera Prioris, vel in Aula Hospitum supradicta; aut, si ex causa legitima, impeditus fuerit quominus ad ipsas Cameram Prioris seu Aulam Hospitum temporibus convivationum inibi faciendarum accedere valeat, prout vellet, tunc in camera sua, sibi et ipsius officio deputata, esculentorum et poculentorum hujusmodi ministratio seu liberatio congrua sibi fiat, et ea ibidem percipiat et habeat, juxta exigentiam et decentiam status sui. Item volumus et concedimus, quod quolibet anno, quamdiu vixerit, percipiat et habeat, a nobis et successoribus nostris præfatis, unam robam pro se de secta armigerorum, et aliam robam pro famulo suo de secta

garcionum nobis vel successoribus nostris deservientium; ac etiam qualibet nocte dum vixerit idem percipiat et habeat liberationem cerevisiæ ad mensuram unius lagenæ, sibi ad præfatam ipsius cameram mistrandam; et tempore yemali qualibet nocte liberationem candelarum et lignorum focalium prout moris est, et ipsius necessitas exiget et requiret. Volumus insuper et concedimus præfato Thomæ, quod per totum tempus supradictum habeat et percipiat, de nobis et successoribus nostris, fœnum et avenas in sufficienti quantitate pro unius equi sui sustentatione congrua et decenti. Præmissa vero omnia volumus ipsum Thomam, ut præmittitur, percipere et habere, ita quod ad ea quæ custodiæ prædictæ ex consuetudine incumbunt, per se vel aliam personam idoneam, sit intendens, nisi infirmitate vel corporis debilitate fuerit impeditus, aut super hoc, a nobis vel successoribus nostris, gratiam specialem valeat optinere. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis apponi. Dat., etc.

776.—LITTERA MISSA MAGISTRO N. DE THARENTA DE INCOLUMITATE STATUS NOSTRI AC SUI, ETC. (1349.) L. 82 *b*.

Amatissime, de incolumitate status vestri jocunda nova audivimus læto corde. Et quia hoc idem de nobis audire, absque dissimulationis commento, corditer affectastis, vestræ discretioni, nobis hactenus fructuosæ, harum serie intimamus, quod die confectionis præsentium eramus, laus Deo, in prosperitate votiva, nullatenus valitudine adversa detenti. Nova vero alia in partibus nostris emergentia hiis diebus harum bajulus vobis seriosius explicabit. Successus prosperos et votivos tribuat vobis Altissimus ad honores. Script., etc.

An answer to a friend who has enquired after the Prior's health. The pestilence known as the Black Death was raging at the time.

(1349.) L. 83 *a.*

777.—Littera testimonialis quod sorores Sancti Jacobi non sunt professæ.

The Prior certifies that the sisters of St. Jacob's Hospital are not bound by monastic vows.

Universis Christi fidelibus præsentes litteras inspecturis Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Universitati vestræ notum facimus per præsentes, quod licet Priorissa et sorores Hospitalis Sancti Jacobi in suburbio Cantuariæ vulgariter nuncupato [Wincheap], quod quidem Hospitale ad nostrum patrocinium et dispositionem communem pertinet, tanquam religiosæ mulieres communiter ibidem vixerint, ad religionem tamen vel regularem ordinem approbatum inibi observandum nullatenus sunt astrictæ, nec profiteri tenentur, tacite vel expresse; sed ab eodem Hospitali libere recedere potuerint prout ipsis placuerit sicut aliæ seculares. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum nostrum fecimus hiis apponi. Dat. Cant.

(1349.) L. 83 *a.*

778.—Littera supplicatoria pro clerico volente religionem intrare.

A clerk is recommended for admission to the Benedictine Order.

Domine et amice, intelleximus quod Johannes Pultone, harum bajulus, cum claræ devotionis promptitudine, religionem in vestro monasterio intrare proponit, et ibidem perpetuo se divinis obsequiis mancipare; unde vestram amicitiam attente rogamus, quatinus velitis sibi in ea parte exhibere vos favorabilem et benignum, ut has preces nostras sibi sentiat efficaces. Ad sanctæ religionis augmentum semper in Domino feliciter valeatis. Script. Cant.

16 Aug. 1349. L. 83 *a.*

779.—Commissio Collectoris reddituum nostrorum in Londoniis et Southwerk.

Commission of the

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc. Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum salutem, etc. Noveritis

nos constituisse dilectum nobis in Christo Ricardum de Lamhuth, filium Ricardi de Lamhuth de Londoniis, procuratorem et attornatum nostrum specialem ad petendum, *etc.*, nomine nostro et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, omnes redditus pensiones et firmas ad nos et Ecclesiam nostram pertinentes in civitate et suburbio Londoniæ et in Southwerk, ac arreragia eorundem reddituum, pensionum, et firmarum, et ad respondendum nobis inde annuatim in thesauraria nostra apud Cantuariam bene et fideliter, absque alio onere compoti, *etc.* Ratum habituri et gratum quicquid per eundem attornatum nostrum, *etc.* factum vel actum fuerit, *etc.* Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi in crastino Assumptionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis anno Domini MCCC. quadragesimo nono.

rent collector of the Convent in London and Southwark.

780.—PERDONATIO ET REMISSIO OMNIUM ACTIONUM ET PETITIONUM J. CAUMPPEDIEU NUPER SERVIENTI NOSTRO DE DIEPHAM.

6 Jan. 1350.

L. 83 *b.*

Universis pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. et Conventus ejusdem loci, omnimodas actiones, petitiones, et demandas, qualitercumque nos competentes, *etc.* contra Johannem Chaumppedieu, nuper servientem nostrum de Dyepham in comitatu Norfolk, eidem Johanni ac executoribus et heredibus suis, pro laudabili servitio a dicto Johanne nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ impenso, perdonavimus, relaxavimus, et remisimus per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ vj^to^ die mensis Januarii anno Domini MCCC. quadragesimo nono.

General acquittance given to an agent on his giving up his office.

781.—PROCURATORIUM AD FINEM FACIENDUM DE CAUSA ET MATERIA QUESTIONIS ET DISCORDIÆ ORTA INTER NOS ET PRIOREM ET CONVENTUM MONASTERII SANCTI MARTINI DOVORIÆ.

5 April 1350.

H. 36 *a.*

Noverit universi quod cum nuper inter nos Robertum Priorem et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi

The Chapter of Christ

Church appoint proctors to settle amicably a long standing dispute with the Monastery of St. Martin, Dover. The monks of Canterbury asserted that the Prior of Dover ought always to be chosen from their congregation.

Cantuariensis ex parte una, et Suppriorem et Conventum Monasterii Sancti Martini Dovoriæ, Cantuariensis diœcesis, ex altera, super eo quod assumpsimus ad nos et assumimus pertinere, quod, in singulis vacacionibus dicti Monasterii Dovoriensi, Dominus Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis qui pro tempore fuerit teneatur de nobis, et non aliunde, unum monachum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis professum assumere, et eundem præficere in Priorem Monasterii memorati, orta fuisset et sit materia questionis, quæ inter quosdam Priores Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et Capitulum ejusdem ex parte una, ac quosdam monachos dicti Monasterii Dovoriensis, se Priores ipsius Monasterii successivis temporibus prætendentes, et ejusdem loci [Conventum] ex altera fuerat primitus suscitata; tandem pro bono pacis cupientes summo desiderio litigiorum amfractus de medio extirpare, et discordias execrabiles ac litium solempnium dispendia brevitatis compendio choartare, dulcedinemque pacis amplecti; ac eciam ut animorum yndempnitas[1] persisteret ut deceret, nos Prior et Capitulum prædicti dilectos in Christo Jacobum de Oxene et Johannem Hetecrone, nostros fratres et commonachos, nostros veros, *etc.* procuratores, *etc.* facimus ordinamus et constituimus per præsentes, *etc.* Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi, quinto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini MºCCCº quinquagesimo.

21 April 1350.

II. 36 *b.*

782.—Reverendo in Christo et patri et domino Domino Symoni Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc.

The Chapter of Christ Church accept a compro-

Pater et Domine reverende, harum serie intimamus quod forma pacis monachos Monasterii Sancti Martini Dovoriensis et nos concernens, per vestras providam discrecionem et sollicitudinem indefessam benivolo

[1] *ydemptitas*, MS.

favore inventa, nobis per Fratres Jacobum de Oxene et Johannem de Hetecrone, nostros confratres, seriosius exposita, a nobis est concorditer accepta. Altissimus ad Ecclesiæ suæ regimen vos conservet per tempora feliciter successiva. Scriptum Cantuariæ, etc. xxj^mo^ die Aprilis.

Per vestros devotos Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis.

mise proposed by the Archbishop for the settlement of the dispute with St. Martin's, Dover.

783.—Procuratorium de Dockombe.

17 July 1350.

L. 83 *b*.

Power of attorney authorising the Rector of Moreton (Hampstead) to act as agent for the Convent in Devonshire.

Pateat universis quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum dilectum nobis in Christo Dominum Philippum Wantort, rectorem ecclesiæ de Morton Exoniensis diœcesis, nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem, negotiorum gestorem, et nuntium specialem facimus, ordinamus, et constituimus, etc.; dantes eidem generalem potestatem, etc. fructus, redditus, et proventus, ac emolumenta quæcumque manerii nostri de Dockumbe, in comitatu Devoniensi situati, colligendi, exigendi, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Data in domo nostra capitulari xvij. die mensis Julii anno Domini M^o^CCC^o^ quinquagesimo.

784.—Prima acquietancia facta Priori et Conventui Dovoriæ de annua pensione nobis debita.

29 Sept. 1350.

L. 84 *a*.

Receipt for part payment of the pension due from St. Martin's, Dover, to Christ Church, as settled by composition.

Tenore præsentium noverint universi nos Robertum, etc. Priorem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, nomine nostro et Capituli nostri, recipisse et habuisse, die confectionis præsentium, de religiosis viris Priore et Conventu Sancti Martini Dovoriæ quinquaginta solidos sterlingorum, in partem solutionis cujusdam annui redditus centum solidorum annuatim, exeuntis de manerio eorum de Sybertesweld, ad duos anni terminos nobis solvendi, videlicet, Beati Michaelis et Pascha, juxta

ordinationem venerabilis patris et domini Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi in hac parte nuper factam. De quibus quidem quinquaginta solidis, terminum Beati Michælis instantis anni contingentibus, fatemur nobis esse satisfactum, et ipsos religiosos viros Priorem et Conventum Beati Martini prædictos acquietamus per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Cantuariæ xxix° die mensis Septembris, anno Domini M°CCC°L^{mo}, regni vero Regis Edwardi tertii a conquestu Angliæ xxiiij^{to}.

12 Oct. 1350.

L. 84 *a*.

785.—Certificatorium visitationis Domini Simonis de Yslep Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis.

The Chapter acknowledge the receipt of the Archbishop's mandate appointing the time for a visitation, and they report that they have taken all the steps which the circumstances require.

Reverendo in Christo patri Domino Symoni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ Primati, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legato, sui humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem. Mandatum paternitatis vestræ reverendæ recepimus tenorem continens infrascriptum: *Symon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc.:* cujus auctoritate mandati, quosdam commonachos nostros absentes, qui vestræ visitationi hujusmodi interesse debebunt, peremptorie citavimus quod compareant personaliter coram vobis, die et loco in vestro mandato prælibato contentis, dictæ vestræ visitationis officium humiliter suscepturi, facturi, et recepturi, cum continuatione et prorogatione dierum sequentium, quod tenor vestri mandati præscripti exigit et requirit, cui etiam mandato, quatenus nos concernit, secundum vim et effectum ejusdem parebimus ut convenit reverenter. Nomina et cognomina citatorum omnium qui vestræ visitationi prædictæ interesse tenentur, in cedula hiis annexa seriosius continentur. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xij^{mo} die mensis Octobris, anno supradicto.

786.—COMMISSIO AD AUDIENDUM COMPOTOS SERVIENTIUM. 24 Oct. 1350.

L. 84 *a*.

Robertus, *etc.* Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis dilectis nobis in Christo Willelmo de Hathfeld, J. Bailliff, et Thomæ atte Helle, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Sciatis quod, de diligentia et sagaci industria vestra plene confidentes, assignavimus vos auditores nostros, et plenam potestatem vobis committimus per præsentes, ad audiendum compotos omnium ballivorum, præpositorum, et aliorum ministrorum nostrorum in regno Angliæ, vel in comitatibus bonorum nostrorum quorumcumque receptorum; et ad onerandum ipsos de omnibus exitibus, proventibus, firmis, et de omnibus aliis bonis receptis nos et Ecclesiam nostram qualitercumque contingentibus. Necnon ad faciendum eisdem debitas allocationes de omnibus liberationibus, solutionibus, et rationabilibus expensis factis ad utilitatem nostram et ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ; et ad omnia alia, quæ ad auditores compotorum facere pertinent secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Angliæ, facienda. Et si vos tres simul et semel circa præmissa vacare non potueritis duo vestrum qui commode potuerint præmissa omnia faciant et exequantur. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras fieri fecimus patentes. Data Cantuariæ xxiiij. die mensis Octobris anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum vicesimo iiijto.

Commission empowering three auditors to examine the accounts of the managers of the manors and estates of the Monastery, and, after making all lawful deductions, to give acquittances.

787.—LITTERA ANTIQUA SIGILLO NOSTRO AD CAUSAS DE NOVO SIGNATA, QUIA VETUS SIGILLUM DIRUPTUM FUIT, CONCESSA ABBATI ET MONACHIS DE VOTO, ORDINIS CISTERCIENSIS ANNO DOMINI M°CCC° QUINQUAGESIMO, SUB DATA INFERIUS NOMINATA. 1 July 1346 and (1350).

L. 36 *b*.

Omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc. Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, etc. Noverit universitas

The seal having been torn

off a letter formerly granted to the Abbot of Tynterne in Ireland, a new seal was appended, and the letter copied into the register.

vestra, in privilegiis Romanorum Pontificum, videlicet, felicis recordacionis Urbani, Celestini, Honorii, et Innocencii, nobis indultis, inter cetera quæ in eisdem privilegiis sunt expressa hanc clausulam de verbo ad verbum contineri: "Indulgemus eciam vobis ut, sicut dictum [est], ad profectum Capituli libere possitis[1] rebus vestris, et quiete disponere, et sigillum vestrum sine contradictione cujuslibet retinere; nec idem Archiepiscopus, vel alia quævis persona, disposicioni vel administracioni possessionum aut aliarum rerum vestrarum, contra privilegia quæ vobis Apostolica Sedes indulsit et contra Ecclesiæ vestræ consuetudinem, se audeat immiscere"; item cartam inclitæ recordacionis Domini Johannis quondam Regis Angliæ illustris de verbo ad verbum eciam penes nos esse sub hac forma: "Johannes Dei gratia, etc. Archiepiscopis, Episcopis, etc. et omnibus ministris et fidelibus suis tocius Hyberniæ, salutem. Sciatis nos suscepisse in manum, et custodiam, ac protectionem nostram Priorem et omnes monachos Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, [et] ubicumque fuerint omnes homines et terras eorum, et possessiones, et redditus, et omnes res, tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas; quare volumus et præcipimus firmiter, quod præfatos Priorem et monachos, et omnes homines et terras eorum, et possessiones, et redditus, et omnes res eorum, tam ecclesiasticas quam laicas, manuteneatis, custodiatis, et protegatis sicut nostras proprias; nec aliquam injuriam, vel gravamen, aut molestiam eis inferatis vel inferri permittatis.

(1350.) L. 45 *b*.

789.—COMMISSIO FACTA AD CUSTODIENDUM MANERIUM CUM CLAUSULIS ET ONERE, ETC.

A formula in French indicating

As toutz yceux qe cestes lettres verront ou orront, Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour del Esglise

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[1] *frui* is probably omitted.

Et si aliquis eis forisfacere præsumpserit plenariam de eis justiciam[1] sine dilacione faciatis. Prohibemus eciam ne de ullo tenemento suo nec de aliqua re ponantur in placitum, nisi coram nobis vel coram Capitali Justiciario nostro. Teste Willelmo de Braosa, etc." Et ne præmissa alicui veniant in dubium huic præsenti scripto sigillum nostrum ad causas duximus apponendum. Data apud Cantuariam, anno Domini M°CCC° quadragesimo sexto in Kalendis Julii.

788.—Littera supplicatoria de supersedendo causam usque ad adventum ad Dominum Archiepiscopum. (1350.) L. 45 *a*.

Amice carissime, quia Domino Henrico de Mounbrey, harum bajulo, propter notitiam scolasticam affectione speciali afficimur; ac eidem pro innumeris beneficiis, quæ in nostra adolescentia Parisiis nobis impendidit, merito anticida astringimur rependere vices grates; vestram dilectionem intimi cordis affectu rogamus, quatinus ulteriori executioni negotii ipsum contingentis, vobis per eundem seriosius exponendi, usque ad nostrum celerem adventum ad dominum nostrum communem supersedere dignemini, nostris precibus et amore; ut has preces nostras, fiducialiter impetratas, sibi sentiat fructuosas. Successus prosperos et votivos tribuat vobis Altissimus ad honores. Script., etc.

A person in authority is asked to suspend action in a cause to which an old school and college friend of the Prior is a party.

789.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert by God's permission Prior of the Church of

[1] *justiciariam*, MS.

the duties of bailiffs charged with the cultivation of farms worked directly for the profit of the Convent, and not let to tenants.

de Cantorbirs salutz en Dieu. Sachez nous avoir ordinez fait et assignez nostre cher et bien amez A. de B. nostre baillif de nostre manoir de C., de faire illeosqes les terres arrer, semer, et gayner, composter et arreyer, et toutz les bestes des charettes et charues illeosqes, ensemblement ove berbys, agneaux, porks, et toutes maneres austres estor illosqes ordiner, et arreyer, solonc ceo qil verra qe mieux soit affaire pur nostre profist, rendant ent acompte a nous come [a] baillifs ateint, prenant pur lui et pur son garsonn come autres baillifs aiauntz cel office avaunt ces heures ount feat. En tesmoignaunce, etc. Donez a Cantorbirs tiel jour, tiel an, etc.

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10 July (1352).

L. 85 *a*.

790.—Littera missa Domino Simoni Archiepiscopo, quod non credat sinistris relatibus de Priore et Conventu, donec suggesta præcesserit discussio veritatis.

The Prior asks the Archbishop not to give credit to rumours injurious to the tenants.

Pater et domine reverende, intelleximus cum lamentabili cordium amaritudine, quod quædam sinistra de nobis vestræ dominationi reverendæ, non ex caritate aut zelo justiciæ, sed temeritate typo malitiæ, sunt relata. Quamobrem circumspectam vestræ moderationis gratuitatem, quæ est statera boni et æqui, precibus votivis rogamus, quatinus, si libeat, non credatis sinistris relatibus minus veris, donec suggesta præcesserit celebris discussio veritatis; cum, secundum Apostolum, *omni spiritui non sit credendum, sed est probandum an spiritus sit ex Deo.* Ac exhabundanti, ad informandum vos plenius, vivæ vocis oraculo, de veritate indubia præmissorum, confratres nostros Johannem de Hedecrone Suppriorem, et Johannem de Frome Lectorem vestræ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, ad vos duximus destinandos; quibus in ea parte fidem credulam adhibere dignetur, si placeat, vestra pater-

1 Ep. Joh. 11. 1.

Canterbury, greeting in God. Know ye that we have appointed, made, and assigned our dear and well beloved A. of B. our Bailiff for our manor of C., there to cause the land to be ploughed, sown, and reaped, manured and cultivated, and all the waggon and plough cattle, together with the sheep, lambs, hogs, and all other kind of stock there to be managed and tended, according as shall seem best to him for our profit, rendering thereof such an account as it behoves Bailiffs to render, and receiving, for him and his man, what other Bailiffs, holding the same office in times past, have received. In witness whereof, &c.

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nitas reverenda, quam conservet in prosperis misericordia Jesu Christi. Scriptum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi x^mo^ die Julii.

Vestri humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum vestræ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis.

791.—[CONFIRMATIO TRANSLATIONIS MEREMII A MANERIO DE WROTHAM USQUE MAYDESTANE.] 16 Sept 1352.

H. 40 *b*.

Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis pateat universis, quod dum reverendus[1] in Christo pater Dominus Symon Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. de ipsa Ecclesia Cantuariensi per Sedem Apostolicam provisus extitit, ipse dictam Ecclesiam ære alieno onustam gravissimo, culpa seu facto suis id non causantibus, et alias multipliciter collapsam reperiit et depressam; necnon in variis locis, maneriis, et possessionibus ad[2] archiepiscopatum Cantuariensem spectantibus, domus et ædificia quamplurima, antiquitus

The ruinous state of the buildings of the Archbishop's manor of Wrotham, a consequence of the pestilence and desolation

[1] *reverendo . . . patri, etc.*, MS. | [2] *ac*, MS.

of 1348-9, has induced the Archbishop to use the materials of the ruins for repairing his Maidstone manor house. By these letters the Chapter approve the Archbishop's Act.

sumptuose constituta, vetustate[1] diruta et corrupta manifeste patebant, quædam etiam ruinam minabantur irrepabilem et deformem, quorum refectiones seu reparaciones necessariæ, ac sustentaciones perpetuæ, procul dubio requirerent tam grandem provisionem et importabilem expensarum quæ dicto patri, attentis præfatis omnibus, non forent possibiles; nec etiam domorum seu ædificiorum hujusmodi dirutorum quamplurimæ respectiones seu reparaciones, variis attentis aliis circumstanciis, Ecclesiæ suæ si fierent utiles esse possent: unde, deliberacione diligenti nobiscum, Priore et Capitulo Ecclesiæ suæ Cantuariensis prædictæ, aliisque peritis super hiis habita frequenti, juxta peritorum hujusmodi et nostrum canonicum consilium et tractatum, meremii materiam quæ remanserat de domibus et ædificiis manerii sui de Wrotham, prope et inter maneria sua de Otteford, per quatuor, et Maydestane, per octo duntaxat milliaria[2] distantis ab eisdem, ad moram et inhabitacionem Archiepiscoporum, propter propinquitates prædictas, ruinam ejusdem, et alias causas, a plurimis retroactis annis totaliter derelicti, demolliri fecit, et in refectionem ac reparacionem manerii sui de Maydestane prædicti transferri utiliter, et converti; quibus quidem demolicioni et meremiorum translacioni, tanquam sibi et Ecclesiæ suæ magnopere commodiferis, ponderatis in hac parte debite ponderandis, nos Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum prædicti nostrum consensum præbuimus et præbemus unanimiter et assensum. In quorum omnium testimonium, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi sextodecimo die mensis Septembris, anno Domini M°CCC°LIJdo.

1 Jan. 1353. L. 49 a. Comimssion of the

792.—COMMISSIO AUDITORUM SUPER COMPOTIS.

Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. dilectis nobis in Christo Johanni de Hake et Johanni de Ryssebourne, salutem,

[1] *vetustata*, MS.

[2] *meliar*, MS.

etc. Sciatis quod, de fidelitate et diligentia vestra plene considerantes, assignavimus vos Auditores nostros, conjunctim et divisim, et plenam potestatem vobis committimus per præsentes audiendi compotos omnium ballivorum, præpositorum, bedellorum, et aliorum ministrorum nostrorum quorumcumque in comitatu Kanciæ, bonorum nostrorum quorumcumque receptorum, et ad onerandum ipsos, etc. de omnibus exitibus, etc. secundum legem et consuetudinem regni Angliæ, etc. In cujus, etc. Data Cantuariæ, primo die Januarii anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum Angliæ vicesimo sexto.

Auditores compotorum of the Convent, who are secular accountants, and not monks.

793.—Acquietancia facta Domino Simoni Archiepiscopo de annua pensione viij^to^ librarum, recepta per Thesaurarium suum, proveniente de manerio suo de Racolvre.

23 Mar. 1353.

L. 85 *b*.

Universis pateat, etc. quod nos Prior et Conventus Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis recepimus, etc. de reverendo in Christo patre, Domino Simone Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc., per manus Thomæ de Woltone Rectoris Ecclesiæ de Eynesford Thesaurarii sui, x. libras sterlingorum, in partem solutionis xxiiij. librarum nobis debitarum de tribus annis præteritis, etc. ratione cujusdam pensionis annuæ octo librarum, nobis de manerio de Racolvre dicti reverendi patris debitæ singulis annis. De quibus quidem x. libris, etc. Data Cantuariæ xxiij^o^ die mensis Martii, anno Domini M^o^CCC^o^ quinquagesimo secundo.

Receipt for dues paid to the Convent from Reculver Manor.

794.—Littera indentata inter Elemosinarium Ecclesiæ Christi et Rectorem de Estry super divisione cujusdam placeæ.

4 April 1353.

H. 45 *a*.

Cunctis Christi fidelibus has litteras indentatas inspecturis, Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis

A farm-yard, which up

to the date belonged in common to the Almonry of Christ Church and the Rector of Eastry, is by common consent divided between them.

porcionem decimarum bladorum ad ecclesiam parochialem de Estry Cantuariensis diœcesis pertinentium canonice optinentes, ac Willelmus de Scothou Rector dictæ ecclesiæ parochialis de Estry, salutem, et perpetuam memoriam rei gestæ. Cum dudum nobis Priori et Capitulo prædictis nostrisque prædecessoribus ex parte una, et michi præfato Willelmo Rectori ac meis prædecessoribus, ipsius ecclesiæ de Eastry Rectoribus, ex altera, super usu cujusdam placeæ seu areæ pro partibus indivisis nobis communis, jacentis ante divisionem subscriptam infra clausum communem mansi rectoriæ prædictæ ecclesiæ de Estry et mansi ibidem ad Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis elemosinariam pertinentis, et ipsius placeæ seu areæ occasione gravia pervenissent incommoda a longis retroactis temporibus successivis; tandem nos, partes prædictæ, considerantes attencius quod communio parit discordiam, et quod divisio dictæ placeæ seu areæ evidenter utilis foret nobis et ecclesiis prælibatis, ac ipsius Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis elemosinariæ, in cujus utilitatem porcio decimarum hujusmodi [h]actenus prout debuit converti solebat; habito cum reverendo in Christo patre Domino Symone Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, *etc.*, patrono dictæ ecclesiæ parochialis, tractatu primitus diligenti, pro evidente utilitate nostra necnon ecclesiarum et elemosinariæ prædictarum, de consensu et assensu præfati reverendi patris, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, ex unanimi nostro consensu et assensu, divisimus placeam seu aream memoratam ipsam per partes divisas, juxta formam divisionis hujusmodi, possidendam perpetuo sub hac forma. Videlicet, quod nos prædicti Prior et Capitulum, et successores nostri, habeamus et teneamus de cetero totam partem prædictæ placeæ seu areæ jacentem ex parte occidentali cujusdam terranei muri, prætendentis se in longitudine, directe a quodam bundo ligneo fixo inter cimiterium dictæ Ecclesiæ

parochialis et clausum prædictum, versus Austrum, usque ad alium bundum ligneum fixum super regiam stratam, quæ ducit a villa de Dele per medium villæ de Estry versus Cantuariam, ut nostram propriam, et dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, ipsiusque elemosinariæ imperpetuum, pacifice, et quiete. Qui quidem murus sustentabitur exnunc nostris communibus sumptibus et expensis. Et quod ego Rector prædictus, et successores mei, habeamus et teneamus totam alteram partem ejusdem placeæ seu areæ, ex altera parte dicti muri versus Orientem, ut propriam ecclesiæ meæ prædictæ imperpetuum, pacifice, et quiete. Dedimus eciam et assignavimus nos Prior et Capitulum prædicti, dicto Rectori et successoribus suis, quandam placeam seu aream de terra propria nostra, longitudinis triginta pedum et latitudinis viginti novem pedum, capitando versus Austrum super regiam stratam prædictam, ut propriam ecclesiæ de Estry prædictæ, in recompensacionem amplioris partis nobis in divisione hujusmodi assignatæ, imperpetuum, pacifice, et quiete. In quorum testimonium nos Prior et Capitulum prædicti sigillum nostrum commune fecimus hiis litteris indentatis apponi; et ego præfatus Willelmus sigillum meum præsentibus apposui, et quia sigillum meum pluribus est ignotum, sigillum venerabilis viri Commissarii Cantuariensis generalis apponi præsentibus procuravi; et nos Commissarius prædictus, ad personalem rogatum Domini Willelmi de Scothou Rectoris prædicti, sigilium officii nostri præsentibus duximus apponendum. Data Cantuariæ, quarto die mensis Aprilis, anno Domini M°CCC°LIIJ°.

14 May (1353). L. 85 *b*.

795.—Littera responsoria missa Domino Regi de pace ordinata inter venerabiles patres Dominos Archiepiscopos Cantuariensem et Eboracensem, concernens bajulationem crucis Eboracensis.

The Prior informs the King that he has not seen the form of composition entered into by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, and therefore that he is not in a position to confirm it.

Tresnoble et tresredoute Seignur, plese vostre treshaute seignurie savoir qe nous resceumes nadgaires voz honurables lettres, par les quieles nous avoms conseuz et entenduz, qune pees convenable est ordinez et establie entre les treshonurables pieres en Dieu Lercevesqes de Cantorbirs et Deverwyk; a la quiele pees vous voirez qe nous voussisoms assentir, et a la volente nostre Sovereyn Lercevesqe confourmer. Tresreverent Seignur, vous plese entendre qe de la dite pees ensi ordinee, ne de la fourme navoms unqore rien oy en certein; purquey, tresgracious Seignur, humblement vous prioms et requeroms qe vous plese ordiner et commaunder qe la fourme de la pees susdite nous soit envoie, issint qe nous puissoms sur y cele plenerement aviser et respoundre, solonc ceo qe Dieux nous durra de sa grace. Escript a Cauntorbirs le xiiij^e jour de May.

Voz humbles chapelleins et devoustz
Priour et Covent de Cauntorbirs.

Cauda. A Tresnoble Seignur, Sire Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre et de Fraunce, et Seignur Dirland.

(1353.) L. 86 *a*.

796.—Littera responsoria facta Domino Simoni Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi de mora sua facienda in Ecclesia sua per xij. dies, etc.

The Prior is always glad to see the Archbishop at Canter-

Pater et Domine reverende, litteras, manu vestra propria scriptas, recepi; inter alia continentes, quod, per aliquos requisiti, intenditis ad vestram Ecclesiam declinare, saltem per duodecim dies moram facturi

795.

Most noble and most dread Lord, may it please your most exalted Lordship to know that we lately received your honourable letters, by means of which we have learned (conceived) and understood that a suitable peace is arranged and established between the right honourable fathers in God the Archbishops of Canterbury and York; to which peace you desire that we should give our assent, and conform to the will of our superior the Archbishop. Much revered Lord, please to understand that we have never yet heard anything certain about the said so arranged peace, nor about its form; wherefore, very gracious Lord, we humbly pray and require you that you will arrange and command that the form of the aforesaid peace may be sent to us, in order that we may be able thereupon to consult fully and to answer, as far as God shall give us power by his grace. Written, &c.

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ibidem, dum tamen michi videtur quod aliqua utilitas inde poterit pervenire; et voluistis quod super hoc deliberarem, et deliberationem meam in ea parte, mea propria manu, vobis rescriberem tempore opportuno. Intellectis vero litteris vestris hujusmodi, materiam contentam in eis in animo meo studiose revolvi, et finaliter michi videtur, quod magnum honorem vestræ Ecclesiæ impendetis si ad eandem frequenter person-

bury, but he does not think that at the time of writing a visit of twelve days would lead to any good.

aliter declinetis; sed quæ utilitas ex vestra præsentia ibidem hac vice poterit pervenire penitus pro certo ignoro; et si scirem in quo vestra præsentia hujusmodi potuerit esse utilis ista vice vobis hoc scriberem læto corde. Et si aliquid aliud voluerit vestra dominatio reverenda, quod per me potuerit expediri, michi, si libeat, fiducialiter rescribatis; et vestris præceptis obediam juxta vires. Ad Ecclesiæ vestræ regimen vos conservet Trinitas indivisa. Scriptum Cantuariæ manu mea propria.

1 June 1353.

L. 86 *a*.

Receipt for a legacy left to the Convent.

797.—Acquietancia facta executoribus Magistri J. de Belgrave de xl. solidis legatis Ecclesiæ.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum recepimus et habuimus, die confectionis præsentium, ab executoribus Magistri Johannis de Belgrave, Lyncolniensis diœcesis et Examinatoris Curiæ Cantuariensis Generalis, xl. solidos sterlingorum, quos idem Magister Johannes in testamento suo Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensi prædictæ legavit; de quibus xl. solidis fatemur nobis et eidem Ecclesiæ nostræ fore plenarie satisfactum, et præfatos executores esse quietos. In cujus rei, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi primo die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°CCC°LIIJ°.

24 June 1353.

L. 48 *a*.

A person who has committed trespass in the woods of the Convent at Headcorn

798.—[Relaxatio generalis.]

Pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. remisimus et relaxavimus, etc. in perpetuum Petro de Wytheringbrok omnimodas actiones, querelas, et demandas, quas versus ipsum Petrum habuimus seu habere potuerimus, ratione cujuscunque transgressionis in boscis seu drovedennis nostris in villa de Hede-

crone, nobis seu prædecessoribus nostris ante diem confectionis præsentium illatæ. Ita quod nec nos nec successores nostri aliquam actionem versus præfatum Petrum, occasione præmissa, de cetero habere vel vendicare poterimus nec debemus in futurum. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Cantuariæ in festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum vicesimo septimo.

makes his peace and receives this general release.

799.—De pensione lx. solidorum concessa Magistro Michaeli de Northburgh, Legum Doctori.

3 Nov. 1353.

L 86 *b*.

Universis, etc. Robertus . . Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem, etc. Probitatis et prudentiæ dilecti nobis in Christo Magistri Michaelis de Northburgh,[1] Legum Doctoris, merita recollentes, sperantesque ejus consilium et auxilium nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ futuris temporibus fore non mediocriter opportuna, dedimus et concessimus eidem, etc. annuam pensionem lx. solidorum, in thesauraria nostra apud Cantuariam singulis annis, quamdiu vixerit, in festo Pascha persolvendam. Si vero contingat præfatum Magistrum Michaelem ad aliquem dignitatis electivæ gradum promoveri, extunc cessante dicta pensione, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi tertio die mensis Novembris, anno Domini MCCCLIIJ°.

A pension settled upon an adviser of the Convent.

800.—Commissio ad custodiendum passagium nostrum apud aquam de Redyngg in comitatu Kancia.

11 Dec. 1353.

87 *a*.

Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, dilecto nobis in Christo Roberto Brokere de parochia de Ebbene salutem in omnium

The monopoly of a ferry demised.

[1] He became Bishop of London in 1354.

Salvatore. Ad custodiendum et exercendum, nomine nostro et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, passagium nostrum apud aquam de Redyngg in comitatu Kancia, et emolumenta inde provenientia percipienda, et cetera facienda quæ necessaria fuerint in hac parte, vobis committimus vices nostras quousque eas duxerimus revocandas. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ xj^{mo} die mensis Decembris anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii . . vicesimo septimo.

17 Dec. (1353).
L. 87 *a*.
Nomination of monks for the office of Penitentiary.

801.—De personis nominatis Domino S. Archiepiscopo pro officio pœnitentiariæ.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino suo Domino Symoni, etc. Robertus Prior, etc. Ad officium pœnitentiariæ vestræ Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ, vacans ad præsens, fratres mei habito super hoc consueto tractatu, in Fratres Jacobum de Oxene, Thomam de Guodwyneston, et Michaelem de Cornubia ad hujusmodi dictum officium vobis nominandos unanimiter consenserunt, etc. Valeat dominus meus, etc. Scriptum Cantuariæ xvij^{o} die mensis Decembris.

(17 Dec. 1353.)
L. 87 *a*.
The Prior's private opinion as to the fittest candidate.

802.—Anima missa prædicto Domino Archiepiscopo interclusa in littera secunda.

Pater et domine reverende, scire dignetur vestra reverenda paternitas, quod Frater Jacobus de Oxene, primus ad pœnitentiariæ officium nominatus, illud acceptabit gratanter, si tamen nominationi prædictæ vestra benignitas voluerit consentire; per certas etenim evidentias hoc accepi quas vobis viva voce explicabo.

(17 Dec. 1353.)
L. 87 *a*.
A private letter on

803.—Littera missa Magistro W. de Bradele pro eodem negotio.

Amice carissime, scripsimus domino nostro communi pro Fratre Jacobo de Oxene, qui est primus jam de

novo ad pœnitentiariæ officium nominatus, quod præficere eum velit; quia licet alias ad instantiam suam fuerat a dicto officio absolutus, jam nunc, spiritu novo visitatus, animo benevolo illud idem acceptabit. Si tamen non placeat Domino, vellemus quod Frater Thomas de Guodwyneston, qui in dicto officio satis sufficienter est expertus, præficeretur ista vice, Fratrem Thomam de Cornubia, tertium nominatum, totaliter excludendo. Scriptum ut supra.

the same subject addressed to the Archbishop's chaplain.

804.—LITTERA DE CANTARIA IN ECCLESIA DE REYCOULVRE FUNDATA PER DOMINUM THOMAM NYWE DE WOLTONE.

23 Mar. 1354.

H. 86 *b*.

Universis, etc. Thomas Nywe de Wolton, Rector ecclesiæ de Aldyngton, dudum Vicarius ecclesiæ parochialis de Recolvre Cantuariensis diœcesis, salutem in eo quem peperit uterus virginalis. Dum humanæ vitæ brevitas et vana mundi fallacia bonis temporalibus enutrita solerter attenduntur, nichil eorum possessori censetur salubrius, quam, causa et sollicitudine bonorum hujusmodi contemptis, ipsa in æterna, felici commercio, permutare. Quamobrem ego Thomas supradictus, ad honorem Summæ Trinitatis, Percelsæ Genetricis Dei Mariæ, et Sanctorum omnium, pro salute venerabilis in Christo patris et domini Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc., et mea, Adæ, Margeriæ, Willelmi, Roberti, et Lucæ de Watyndon dum vixerimus, et animabus nostris cum mortui fuerimus, animabus etiam Johannis et Emmæ parentum meorum, Nicholai de Tyngewyke, Thomæ de Asteleye quondam rectorum dictæ ecclesiæ, dominorum meorum, Hamonis Underwalle, Johannis Cok, Thomæ, Emmæ, Johannis Blower, Roberti Shephurde, Cristinæ, Sarræ, Margeriæ, Willelmi, Johannis, Jacobi, Christinæ, Johannis, Henrici, Johannis, Matildis, et omnium qui meæ administracionis tempore in parochia dictæ ecclesiæ de Recolvre decesserunt, et qui in subsidium sequentis cantariæ

Thomas Nyewe of Wolton founds a perpetual chantry of one priest in the parish church of Reculver, of which chantry this is the *Ordination.*

aliquid contulerunt et conferent in futurum, ac eciam aliorum parentum, benefactorum meorum, et omnium fidelium defunctorum, de rebus meis temporalibus, in ipsa parochiali ecclesia unam perpetuam cantariam de Beata Maria Virgine facio, fundo, doto, et ordino, in forma infrascripta. Ego prædictus Thomas, jam in principio et quociens eam postmodem vacare contigerit, dum vixero, infra mensem a die vacacionis ejus michi notæ, dicto venerabili patri Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi seu ejus successoribus Sede Cantuariensi plena, et Priori et Capitulo Sede Cantuariensi vacante, presbiterum idoneum præsentabo; et post mortem meam Dominus Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus qui pro tempore fuerit, dictique Prior et Capitulum sede Cantuariensi vacante, infra mensem a die vacacionis hujusmodi sibi notæ, ydoneo eam conferet et conferent sacerdoti. Qui sacerdos sic institutus erit perpetuus, nisi, juxta discrecionem dicti Domini Archiepiscopi sede plena aut dictorum Prioris et Capituli sede vacante, criminosus, incorrigibilis, seu alias intollerabilis habeatur; qui, cum talis, dicti patris auctoritate vel dictorum Prioris et Capituli sede vacante, repertus fuerit, et post moniciones trinas se non correxerit, summarie et de plano, absque figura judicii, eadem auctoritate a dicta cantaria, per sentenciam vel alio modo si placeat, amoveatur perpetuo, et alteri ydoneo cantaria hujusmodi conferatur; amoto hujusmodi, justa tamen racione prævia, nullo appellacionis in integrum restitucionis aut impetracionis beneficio, seu alterius juris communis seu specialis cujuscumque remedio sibi aliqualiter valituro. Celebrabit vero sacerdos ille libere diebus ferialibus, cum commode celebrare poterit, in Australi latere dictæ ecclesiæ de Recolvre, [missam] *de Beata Virgine* matutinali hora, pro salute et animabus prædictis; ut ejus missam parochiani audire valeant priusquam ad occupaciones transeant seculares; nisi quando sponsalia aut funeralia magnarum personarum ipsius parochiæ in ipsa ecclesia in alta missa facienda aut celebranda

fuerint, in qua, propter matutinalem celebracionem hujusmodi, oblaciones aliquæ in vicarii loci præjudicium poterunt verisimiliter minorari; aut eciam [quando], propter aliquam justam causam, ipse [1] in majori altari, ad vicarii seu ejus vices gerentis innutacionem, missam aliquam voluerit celebrare. Diebus vero solempnibus Dominicis et festivis, in choro dictæ ecclesiæ, divinis officiis, per vicarium aut ejus ministros cum nota dicendis, sacerdos ipse debet, cum poterit, personaliter interesse, et suam missam diebus talibus ante offertorium in magna missa decantatum non celebrabit, nisi de vicarii, aut gerentis vices ejus, licencia speciali. Præterea, nullus sacerdos ipsius cantariæ oblaciones aliquas in suis missis faciendas sibi applicabit, nec aliquid faciet scienter, clam, vel palam, quod in vicarii præjudicium, aut ejus ecclesiæ, cedere poterit aut gravamen. Sacerdos insuper quilibet ipsius cantariæ infra dictam parochiam moram trahet corporalem, nisi quando, pro suis recreacione et negociis [ad] sociorum liminum et amicorum visitacionem, se ad tempus duxerit absentandum; ita tamen, quod sua absencia annis singulis, sive una vice sive pluribus absens fuerit, in universo quinquaginta duorum dierum spacium non excedat. In ejus tamen absencia, nisi propter solam infirmitatem aut causam aliam inevitabilem, a celebracione divinorum nullatenus excusetur. Oblaciones siquidem, elemosinas, et redditus, faciet et solvet, per se aut alium, inferius expressatos: in festis vero Oblacionis Beatæ Mariæ (quæ xi^mo^ kalendas Decembris in quibusdam locis celebratur) et in singulis aliis quinque festis ejusdem Virginis imperpetuum, offerat sacerdos ille, in magna missa in dicta ecclesia decantanda, quinque denarios, per se aut alium, ac distribuat inter ministros ipsius ecclesiæ in singulis

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[1] *ipsum*, MS.

festis Assumpcionis Beatæ Virginis imperpetuum duos solidos, prout sibi videbitur expedire. Pascat insuper, in singulis dictis festis imperpetuum, infra mansum habitacionis suæ quinque pauperes in una refectione competenti. Detque communitati Burgæ de Recolvre, intuitu pauperum degencium in ea, in singulis præfatis festis imperpetuum duos solidos; non in usus singulorum, set in subsidium commune tallagiorum et onerum imponendorum eidem Burgæ, convertendos. Vicarius insuper dictæ ecclesiæ, aut gerens vices ejus, in dictis festis exorare, et parochianos suos ad ipsam ecclesiam confluentes ad orandum, pro salute et animabus prædictis inducere teneatur. In festo insuper[1] Sancti Jacobi annis singulis imperpetuum, offerat, per se aut alium, in magna missa in ecclesia præfata tres denarios; et distribuat inter pauperes denarios tresdecim, pro animabus Willelmi et Margeriæ et omnium fidelium defunctorum. Reddet etiam quilibet sacerdos, dictæ deserviens cantariæ, annis singulis imperpetuum, Domino Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, per manus collectoris reddituum manerii sui de Recolvre, infra quindenam Paschæ, duodecim denarios annui redditus, in dampnorum recompensacionem quæ Ecclesia sua Cantuariensis, propter licenciam amortizandi prædictas possessiones, contingat incurrere, ultra redditus et servicia inde debita et consueta. Quilibet præterea sacerdos ipsius cantariæ cedens vel decedens quadraginta solidos sterlingorum, unum par *Decretorum* precii quadraginta solidorum, unum par *Decretalium* precii duarum marcarum, quatuor libros *Senienciarum* in uno volumine precii viginti solidorum, unum librum grammaticalem qui *Adamas* dicitur precii duarum marcarum, *Historias Scolasticas* precii viginti solidorum, librum qui dicitur *Aurora super exposi-*

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[1] *itaque*, MS.

cione Bibliæ metrice compositum precii unius marciæ, *Prophetas* quosdam glossatos in duobus voluminibus precii unius marcæ, unum parvum *Psalterium* manuale precii quadraginta denariorum, quæ omnia primo sacerdoti dictæ cantariæ dabo actualiter, in partem dotis perpetuæ dictæ cantariæ, seu dicta precia eorundem librorum, quatenus ipsi libri aut ipsa precia ad quemlibet eorum pervenerint suo teneatur dimittere successori. Ad præmissa autem onera subportanda, in dotem perpetuam cantariæ ampliorem, Domino Ricardo But (quem primo, juxta ordinacionem istam, dicto patri intendo præsentare) de licencia Domini Regis, et dicti Domini Archiepiscopi, domini immediati dictarum possessionum, do et concedo unum tenementum, quod adquisivi de Johanne Underwalle in Recolvre; viginti tres acras terræ arrabilis quas adquisivi in Hyerne, quæ nuper fuerunt Willelmi Stud; terras etiam et tenementa mea quæ de Thoma atte Sole, heredibus Thomæ Schiphurde, Johanne Parker de Fordwico, Willelmo Bargulon et fratre ejus, Thoma filio Willelmi de Recolvre, Adam Spysour, Johanne le May [adquisivi]; cum omnibus et singulis reversionibus plenis terrarum et tenementorum quas de Dominis Thoma Kempe, Thoma atte Brome de tenemento quondam Hamonis Underwalle post obitum ipsius Domini Thomæ atte Brome, terrarum etiam Johannæ Cok post mortem ejus, terrarum insuper[1] et tenementorum quondam Johannis Blowere post mortem Johannæ relictæ ejusdem, tenementi insuper Jacobi Pysyngge in Recolvre post mortem ejus, tenementi præterea et unius peciæ terræ, quæ adquisivi de Galfrido Fowe, post mortem ejus et Johannæ uxoris suæ, simul cum omnibus aliis terris tenementis pasturis et

[1] *itaque*, MS.

redditibus, quæ in parochiis de Recolvre et Hyerne adquisivi; habenda et tenenda omnia prædicta terras et tenementa, redditus, pasturæ, et reversiones prædicto Domino Ricardo et suis successoribus, Capellanis ejusdem cantariæ, imperpetuum, de capitalibus dominis feodi, per servicia eis inde debita et consueta. Si vero terras, redditus, et possessiones prædictas vicariæ dictæ ecclesiæ, seu alteri beneficio, a quoquam, quavis auctoritate adunari, vel quovis alio modo in præjudicium hujus ordinacionis meæ disponi aut ordinari contigerit de eisdem; nisi Dominus Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, super hiis informatus, remedium efficax adhibuerit infra annum a tempore informacionis hujusmodi continue numerandum, volo quod, statim post lapsum anni hujusmodi, custodes fabricæ ecclesiæ de Recolvre prædictæ, qui pro tempore fuerint, absque judicis ecclesiastici seu alterius cujuscumque auctoritate, licencia, seu consensu, omnes possessiones ipsas (non ut earum domini set ut ministri in tali casu per me specialiter assignati) libere ingrediantur, et teneant quousque advocaciones, disposiciones, et ordinaciones hujusmodi, præsenti ordinacioni meæ adversantes, ac omnia alia impedimenta perfecta et statuta contra eam realiter subducantur; ac etiam eidem cantariæ provideatur salubriter, ut est dictum. Obvenciones siquidem et proventus omnes ex ipsis possessionibus (stantibus et durantibus adunacionibus, disposicionibus, ordinacionibus præjudicialibus, et impedimentis hujusmodi) ac eciam in singulis vacacionibus memoratæ cantariæ, provenientes, custodes ipsi colligent et percipient, ac ex eis oblaciones, distribuciones, elemosinas, et redditus omnes supradictos, in præfatis festis, quatenus ipsa in ministerio eorum evenerint, exhibeant fideliter atque solvant. Habeant autem custodes ipsi de obvenienciobibus illis, pro eorum laboribus quos circa execucionem præmissorum

impenderint,[1] in casibus supradictis, ad taxacionem vicarii et duorum parochianorum dictæ ecclesiæ, secundum labores eorum impensos, decentem et debitam pecuniæ quantitatem. Residuum vero obvencionum et provencionum earundem in libros et ornamenta dictæ ecclesiæ providendos, secundum consilium dicti vicarii et duorum parochianorum, convertant integraliter sine fraude. Si vero, quod absit, fraudem seu negligenciam dampnosam fecerint in præmissis, eorum fraudes et negligenciæ per loci Ordinarium modo debito reformentur. Volo insuper quod sacerdos quilibet cui sic dicta cantaria conferetur in institucione sua, ad observandum, faciendum, et solvendum omnia et singula quæ sic, et prout superius, ordinantur, ad Sancta Dei Ewangelia corporale præstet juramentum; alioquin sit eis institucio nulla ipso jure. Dicat etiam sæpius et devote mortuorum officia, septem pœnitenciales et quindecim psalmos graduales, ut sic aliqualiter suppleat negligenciam, quam in divinis contraxi officiis postquam ad gradum sacerdocii fueram sublimatus. Nolo tamen quod propter eorum officiorum aut psalmorum omissionem ad pœnam perjurii aliqualiter obligentur. Volo insuper quod dictus Dominus Ricardus prædicta tenementa, terras, et possessiones aliis dimittat in feodum, pro certis et competentibus redditibus, sibi et suis successoribus annuatim persolvendis imperpetuum. Supplico igitur dicto venerabili patri et domino meo reverendo, quod istam ordinacionem meam in præscripta forma acceptare, approbare, et confirmare dignetur. Et nos Simon Archiepiscopus Cantuariensis supradictus, inspecta dicta ordinacione, etc. eam, prout superius scribitur, in omnibus suis clausulis approbamus, etc. Data apud Maghfeld, vicesimo tercio die Marcii, anno Domini

The Archbishop's confirmation.

[1] *impederint*, MS.

The ratification of the Prior and Chapter.

MᵒCCCLIIIJᵗᵒ. Et nos Prior et Capitulum, etc. istam ordinacionem, etc. in omnibus suis clausulis ratificamus, etc. In quorum omnium testimonium, etc. Data Cantuariæ, etc. vicesimo primo die mensis Octobris, anno Domini MᵒCCCᵒLVᵗᵒ.

(1354.) 805.—PETITIO CONCEDENDI FRATRI AD ARCIOREM ORDINEM TRANSVOLARE.

L. 59 *b*.

A Canterbury monk asks the Head of his House to allow him to migrate to Robertsbridge.

In Dei nomine: Amen. Cum ego Frater Jacobus Whyte, monachus Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, ordinis Sancti Benedicti in eadem Ecclesia expresse professus, cupiam, celitus inspiratus, ex caritate et non ex temeritate vel levitate, vitam ducere arciorem, ac, ex devotione majoris religionis propter frugem vitæ melioris, ad arciorem ordinem Cisterciensem, annuente Deo, transvolare, et in Monasterio de Ponte Roberti, ejusdem ordinis, Cicestrensis diœcesis, conversari, Domino virtutum obsequium impensurus; peto humiliter a vobis, Domino Roberto permissione divina Priore Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, quatinus michi licencia transeundi, ex causis prædictis rationabilibus atque veris, ad ordinem Cisterciensem, ac in habito regulari ejusdem ordinis, in Monasterio memorato meo perpetuo conversandi, sine difficultate et pravitate quacumque, concordatur.

Aug. 1354. 806.—LICENCIA CONCESSA FRATRI SUPER HUJUSMODI PETITIONE.

L. 60 *a*.

The licence asked for above.

Universis, etc. Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, etc. Noveritis quod cum, etc. Frater Jacobus Whyte noster commonachus, etc. cupiens ut asserit, etc. (*sicut in petitione præscripta*). Nos, etc. ipsius piis affectibus annuentes, etc. licenciam concedimus. Data Cantuariæ . . die mensis Augusti anno Domini MᵒCCCᵒ quinquagesimo quarto.

807.—LITTERA DE LICENCIA UNIUS FRATRIS TRANSEUNDI AD ARCTIORAM ORDINEM.

Aug. 1354. L. 87 *a*.

Another form of the same licence.

Universis, etc. Robertus . . . Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis salutem in omnium Salvatore. Noveritis quod, cum dilectus nobis in Christo Frater J. Whyte, noster commonachus ordinem regularem Sancti Benedict, in dicta Ecclesia expresse professus, coram nobis personaliter constitutus, cupiens, ut asseruit cœlitus inspiratus ex caritate et non ex temeritate vel levitate, vitam ducere arciorem, ac devotione majoris religionis propter frugem vitæ melioris, ad alium arciorem ordinem transvolare, Domino virtutum obsequium impensurus, a a nobis humiliter postulasset, quatinus sibi licenciam transeundi ad ordinem Cisterciensem, ac in Monasterio de Ponte Roberti, ejusdem ordinis, Cicestrensis diœcesis, suo perpetuo conversandi concedere dignaremur; nos, attendentes quod ea quæ spiritu Dei aguntur non sunt sub lege nec debent facto hominis impediri, ac præfati Fratris J. laudabile propositum merito commendantes, causamque prædictam per ipsum coram nobis assignatam veram et rationabilem reputantes, ipsiusque piis affectibus annuentes, sibi ad dictum ordinem Cisterciensem transeundi, et conversandi ut appetit in Monasterio memorato, licenciam concedimus per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ . . . . die mensis Augusti anno Domini MCCC. quinquagesimo quarto.

(Aug. 1354.)

808.—PETITIO PRÆFATI FRATRIS JOHANNIS.

L. 87 *b*.

The petition of the monk who wished to migrate, the Christian name being changed.

In Dei nomine: Amen. Cum ego Frater Johannes White, monachus Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, ordinem Sancti Benedicti in eadem Ecclesia expresse professus, cupiam, cœlitus inspiratus, ex caritate, et non ex temeritate vel levitate, vitam ducere arciorem, ac devotione majoris religionis, propter

frugem vitæ melioris, ad arciorem ordinem Cisterciensem, annuente Domino, transvolare, et in Monasterio de Ponte Roberti, ejusdem ordinis, Cicestrensis diœcesis, conversari, Domino virtutum obsequium impensurus; peto humiliter *etc. ut supra.*

14 Aug. 1354.
L. 87 *b.*

809.—PROCURATORIUM MAGISTRI WILLELMI DE TYDERLEYE CANONICI WELLENSIS IN CURIA ROMANA.

Commission of the Proctor of the Convent in the Curia.

Universis pateat per præsentes quod nos Robertus . . Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Willelmum de Tyderleye, Canonicum Wellensem et procuratorem nostrum in Curia Romana, nostrum verum et legitimum procuratorem in omnibus litibus facimus, etc. ad Romanam Curiam legitime devolutis seu devolvendis, et in quibus artamur vel artati essemus, ex citatione legitima juris vel hominis, in Romana Curia litigare, et non in aliis vel ultra. Dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori, etc. In quorum testimonio, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xiiij° die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°CCCLIIIJ^to.

28 Jan. 1355.
L. 87 *b.*

810.—LITTERA MAGISTRI WILLELMI DE TYDERLEYE PROCURATORIS NOSTRI IN CURIA ROMANA SUPER QUIBUSDAM CONTENTIS IN EADEM LITTERA UNA CUM ALIIS TANGENTIBUS BACULUM PASTORALEM, ETC.

The Prior (founding his claims upon similar privileges granted to the Prior of Worcester) petitions the

Reverendissime pater et domine, visis litteris vestris, feci supplicationem vestram, secundum tenorem huic inclusum, de consilio peritorum in Curia reformari, pro cujus expeditione Dominus Electus Londoniensis promisit diligenter instare cum opportunitatem viderit supplicandi, licet timet quod non expedietur hac vice ut asserit, præsertim cum non sit spes de pace inter reges, et Papa revocavit magnam partem

privilegii Prioris Wygorniensis super quo fundatur supplicatio vestra. Quod tamen velitis, si placet, silentio committere, quousque per alios publicetur ex causa. Quantum vero ad causam quam movet contra vos Episcopus Lyncolniensis non habetis timere, quia adhuc non produxi procuratorium ex parte vestra, nec producam, ut spero. Præterea, Rex Romanorum jam habet totum imperium in pacifica possessione, et recepit coronam argenteam in Mediolano in festo Natalis Domini, et coronabitur in Imperatorem, corona aurea, per manus Cardinalis Hostiensis infra paucos dies, ut dicitur. De aliis vero quæ præsens pagina non continebit, lator præsentium vos novit plenius informare. Paternitatem vestram reverendam conservet Altissimus per tempora longiora. Scriptum Avinoniæ cum magna festinatione xxviij[vo] die Januarii.

Pope for permission to use certain episcopal vestments, &c.

811.—Copia supplicationis reformatæ in prædicta littera interclusæ.

(Jan. 1355.)

L. 88 *a*.

The Petition addressed to the Pope on the same subject.

Pater sanctissime, cum Priori Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, qui est pro tempore, vigore indulti Sedis Apostolicæ mitra, dalmatica, cirothecis, et anulo pontificalibus uti liceat, quibus decenter ornatus cunctos priores Angliæ, sicut dignitate præeminet, ita etiam et honore præemineat, ac Priori Wygorniensis Ecclesiæ, eidem Cantuariensi metropolico jure subjectæ, ut mitra, anulo, baculo, tunica, et dalmatica pastoralibus uti, et benedictionem solempnem in missa et mensa dare valeat, ab eadem Sede indultum existat; dictoque Priori Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ ex eo non modicum dedecus videatur inferri, quod idem Prior Wygorniensis, in consiliis provincialibus et aliis locis in quibus habent insimul convenire, pluribus ornamentis pontificalibus quam dictus Prior Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, qui cum sicut dignitate præeminet sic honore et

ornamentis præeminere debet, hujusmodi indulti vigore [sit] ornatus; supplicat apostolatum vestrum humilis et devotus suus vester Robertus Prior dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, quatinus ei et successoribus suis ut etiam baculo, tunica, et sandalibus pastoralibus uti, et benedictionem solempnem in missa et mensa dare valeant, dignetur indulgere, *cum omnibus non obstantibus et titulo opportunis.*

(1355.)
L. 45 *a.*

812.—PETITIO FACTA DOMINO PAPÆ, QUOD PRIOR ECCLESIÆ CANTUARIENSIS POSSIT PONTIFICALIBUS UTI CUM BACULO PASTORALI, ET BENEDICERE IN MISSA SIMUL ET IN MENSA ET ALIBI, ETC.

Another form of the petition sent to the Pope by the Prior, alarmed by privileges granted to the Prior of Worcester.

Cum sit ab antiquo Priori Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis metropoliticæ per Sedem Apostolicam indultum quibusdam insigniis uti pontificalibus, videlicet, mitra, dalmatica, cerothecis, et anulo, quibus decenter ornatus, præ cunctis aliis Angliæ prioribus hactenus dignitate præeminebat et honore, sicut Ecclesia Cantuariensis, cui præest, ceteras totius Angliæ noscitur ecclesias dignitate præcellere; et nunc Priori Wygorniensis Ecclesiæ cathedralis, quæ Cantuariæ subest, conceditur ab ipsa Sede Apostolica pontificalibus insigniis uti quibuscunque, et sic Priorem Cantuariensem in tribus præcellere, videlicet, pastorali baculo, tunica, et sandalis, quod ipsi Priori Cantuariensi, ad sinodum quandoque, sicut oportet, cum Priore Wygorniensi convenienti, dedecus non modicum videtur inferre. Quapropter, idem Prior Cantuariensis supplicat humiliter, sibi per Sedem Apostolicam indulgeri, quatinus omnibus posset pontificalibus uti, cum baculo pastorali, et benedicere in missa, simul etiam in mensa, et alibi quotiens pontificalibus indutus ecclesiasticis officiis interfuerit.

813.—PETITIONES FACTÆ DOMINO PAPÆ PRO BACULO PASTORALI UNA CUM ALIIS OPTINENDIS AD USUM DOMINI PRIORIS. 1355. L. 45 *b*.

In primis: petit quod Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, qui pro tempore fuerit, possit portare baculum pastoralem in Cantuariensi civitate, diœcesi, et provincia ubicumque, cum habeat quædam alia pontificalia, videlicet, mitram, anulum, tunicam, et etiam cerothecas. Item: quod idem Prior possit dare benedictiones solempnes super populum in missa, et alias in processionibus, et in mensa, præsertim sede vacante, et in absentia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi sede plena.

A petition similar to the last.

814.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA DOMINO EPISCOPO NORWYCENSI AD PROMOVENDUM HUJUSMODI PETITIONES. (1355.) L. 45 *b*.

Pater et domine reverende. Petitiones quas tradidimus Domino Duci Lancastriæ, per ipsum domino nostro Summo Pontifici porrigendas, et ulterius effectualiter promovendas, vobis transmittimus præsentibus interclusas. Unde vestram dominationem reverendam intimi cordis affectu rogamus, quatinus pro felici expeditione in hac parte, tam erga dominum nostrum Papam, quam præfatum dominum Ducem, instare corditer si libeat dignetur verbo et opera efficaci. Ad regimen ecclesiæ suæ vos conservet in prosperis Trinitas individisa. Scriptum Cantuariæ septimo die Novembris.

The Bishop of Norwich is asked to favour the petitions of the Prior regarding pontifical vestments which he has lodged in the hands of the Duke of Lancaster for presentation to the Pope.

815.—LITTERA DIRECTA MAGISTRO WILLELMO DE TYDERLEY CANONICO WELLENSI AD PROMOVENDUM DICTAS PETITIONES. (1355.) L. 46 *a*.

Amice carissime, petitiones quas tradidimus Domino Duci Lancastriæ, per ipsum domino nostro Summo

The Prior's Proctor is asked to

push forward the matter of the abovementioned petitions.

Pontifici porrigendas, et ulterius effectualiter promovendas, vobis transmittimus præsentibus interclusas. Unde vestram dilectionem, de qua fiduciam gerimus specialem, attente rogamus, quatinus pro felici expeditione petitionum hujusmodi, tam erga præfatum Dominum Ducem, quam Dominum Episcopum Londoniensem nostrum integrum dominum et amicum, cui litteras pro expeditione hujusmodi dirigimus per præsentium portitorem, efficaciter instare velitis, nostris precibus et amore; ut vestra sollicitudine indefessa mediante, dictæ petitiones nostræ, quæ multum insident nobis et Capitulo nostro cordi, sortiri valeant prosperum exitum et felicem. Script., etc.

25 Feb. (1355).

L. 88 *a*.

816.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA DOMINI S. ARCHIEPISCOPI PRO MONACHIS MITTENDIS AD UNIVERSITATES, ET PRO QUODAM SOLUTIONIS TERMINO PROROGANDO J. NOBLE AD TEMPUS.

The Archbishop urges the Prior to give his monks an education at the University, and he asks for respite for a debtor.

Salutem cum benedictione Dei et nostra. Dilecte fili, cum decor nostri Monasterii in monachis litterarum scientia præditis consistat, maxime hiis diebus, improperaverintque nobis multi quod juniores monachos in Universitatibus studentes non habemus; ne cum dictis monachis litteratis, juxta carnis conditionem a mundo subtractis, perieret in nostro Monasterio dictus decor, vos rogamus, quatinus de nostris monachis aliquos ydoniores ad studia litterarum quamcitius potueritis destinetis; ne monasteria alia, etiam minora, monachos studentes habentia nostro Monasterio in talibus præferantur. Præterea, si nostra nobis velimus dimitti debita consequens est ut nostris debitoribus similiter dimittamus. Cum igitur quidam Johannes Noble, pauper ut apparuit, qui vobis jam ad medium quadragesimæ x. pecuniæ libras soluturus existit, quæ suæ, ut asseruit, exhaurirent substanciæ portionem, ad nostram accesserit præsentiam, lamentabili suppli-

cans interventu, quod pro eo apud dilectionem vestram intercedere curaremus; nos, suæ inopiæ et prætensis mœroribus condolentes, affectavimus in aliquo suam mœstitiam delinire. Licet igitur vestram [non] appetemus jacturam, vos rogamus, quod dictæ solutionis terminum usque ad quinque septimanas post instans festum Pascha, nostri consideratione rogaminis, dicto pauperi prorogare curetis. Aliam vero causam precis nostræ vobis dicemus plenius cum vobiscum habuerimus tractatum personalem, quod in brevi fieri exoptamus. Valeatis prospere in Virgine gloriosa. Scriptum apud Maghefeld xxv° die Februarii.

817.—MEMORANDUM QUALITER PRIORISSA ET MONIALES SANCTÆ SEXBURGÆ VIRGINIS IN SCAPEYA ADMISERUNT VENERABILEM PATREM DOMINUM ROBERTUM PRIOREM ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI CANTUARIENSIS IN CONFRATREM ET BENEFACTOREM. (1355.) L. 103 *b*.

Memorandum quod, die tali et anno, nos Domina Johanna de Cobeham Priorissa domus monialium Sanctæ Sexburgæ in Scapeya et ejusdem loci Conventus, consideratis bonis et beneficiis per venerabilem patrem Dominum Robertum Dei gratia Priorem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis nobis, intuitu caritatis, impensis, volentes sibi propterea spirituale præmium elargiri, ipsum Dominum Priorem in confratrem Capituli nostri et benefactorem nostrum admittimus; promittentes quod, tam in vita quam in morte, pro eo faciemus perpetuo quicquid pro confratribus et benefactoribus nostris [et] domus nostræ, in orationibus et aliis piis operibus, fieri consuevit.

The Prior admitted to confraternity with the Nuns of St. Sexburga.

1355. 818.—LITTERA PRO SUSTENTACIONE THOMÆ DE LONG-CHAMP.

L. 94 *b*.

A corrody of a high class, and not accompanied by any office, conferred upon Thomas son of Hen. de Longchamp.

Universis pateat per præsentes, quod nos Robertus permissione divina, etc. Ad noticiam vestram deduci volumus per præsentes, quod nos, unanimi assensu et consensu nostro, concessimus et concedimus, ac etiam præsenti scripto confirmamus, dilecto nobis in Christo Thomæ, filio Henrici de Longchamp militis, armigero nostro, ad terminum et per totum tempus vitæ suæ, quandam annuam pensionem xl. solidorum, singulis annis tota vita ipsius Thomæ de thesauraria nostra Cantuariensi percipiendam, in festis Natalis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ et Natalis Domini æquis porcionibus solvendam; primo termino solucionis incipiente in festo Natalis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuro post confectionem præsencium. Volumus etiam et concedimus eidem Thomæ, quod quamdiu vixerit a nobis, et nostris in Ecclesia nostra prædicta successoribus, habeat et percipiat in monasterio prædicto sustentacionem honestam statui suo competentem, ut in esculentis et poculentis, pro se et uno famulo suo, in camera, videlicet, nostra vocata *Camera Prioris*, vel in Aula Hospitum in monasterio prædicto; et si, ex causa infirmitatis, impeditus fuerit quominus ad ipsas[1] *Cameram Prioris* seu *Aulam Hospitum*, temporibus convivacionum inibi faciendarum, accedere non valeat prout vellet, vel de licencia Prioris absens fuerit, tunc esculentorum et poculentorum ministracio sive liberacio congrua sibi fiat de celario et coquina nostris, juxta exigenciam et decenciam status sui, percipienda per quoscumque suos, et ubicumque duxerit assignandum differenda. Item volumus et concedimus, quod quolibet anno quamdiu vixerit percipiat et habeat, a nobis et successoribus nostris præfatis, unam robam pro se de secta armigerorum, et

[1] *ipsos*, MS.

aliam robam pro famulo suo de secta garcionum nobis et successoribus nostris deserviencium; et etiam qualibet nocte dum vixerit idem percipiet et habeat liberacionem unius lagenæ serevisiæ de celario nostro, per quoscumque suos, ut præmittitur, ubicumque duxerit assignandum differendam; et tempore yemali qualibet nocte liberacionem candelarum et lignorum focalium, prout moris est et ipsius necessitas exiget et requiret, ubicumque voluerit, deferendam. Volumus etiam et concedimus præfato Thomæ quod per totum tempus vitæ suæ a nobis, et successoribus nostris qui pro tempore fuerint, habeat et percipiat, pro unius equi sui, in stabulo ipsius Prioris custodiendi, continua sustentacione congrua et decenti, fœnum in quantitate sufficienti et avenas; videlicet, pro qualibet nocte dimidium bussellum avenarum; et ferraturam pro eodem equo cum opus fuerit competentem; quæ quidem fœnum, ferratura, et avenæ, eidem Thomæ per illos volumus ministrari,[1] per quos talia custodibus equorum ipsius Prioris in stabulo suo hujusmodi existentibus pro ipsis equis fuerint ministranda. In cujus rei, etc. Datum anno Domini M°CCC°LV^to^.[2]

819.—De visitacione.

16 Oct. 1355.

H. 86 *b*.

The Archbishop warns the Chapter against conspiring to defeat the objects of his proposed visitation.

Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. dilectis filiis in Christo Priori et Capitulo, etc. salutem, etc. Cum nuper vobis mandavimus, quod vos, secundum juris exigenciam, visitare vellemus, ac timentes quod per quasdam conventiculas, conventiones, seu pactiones, quin verius si ita esset conspirationes illicitas et nephandas, effectus nostræ visitacionis hujusmodi potuerit impediri; tenore præsentium, primo, secundo, et tercio, personas omnes et singulas Capitulo nostri prædicti peremptorie monemus, ne quid in præjudicium visitacionis nostræ, sic, vel alio modo illicito,

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[1] *ministrare*, MS.

[2] Cf. the grant on p. 298.

attemptent vel attemptet, per se, alium, vel alios, pupplice vel occulte, sub pœna sentenciæ excommunicacionis majoris, quam in illos vestrum qui post intimacionem præsencium sibi factam culpabiles fuerint in præmissis seu aliquo præmissorum, dicta trina monicione nostra præmissa, proferimus in hiis scriptis; absolucionem vero omnium et singulorum qui nostram sentenciam hujusmodi incurrerint nobis specialiter reservantes. Quocirca vobis in virtute obedienciæ mandamus, quatinus præsentes litteras nostras in domo vestra Capitulari, omnibus et singulis monachis dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ propterea specialiter convocatis, plene et distincte, celeriter pupplicetis, ita quod nullus de Capitulo se valeat in hac parte per ignorenciam excusare. Datum apud La Forde, xvj° Kalendas Novembris, anno Domini M°CCC°LV^to^.

(1355.) 820.—Credencia.

L. 88 *b*.

Letter of recommendation given to T. de Longchamp for presentation to the Archbishop.

Pater et domine reverende, vestram paternitatem reverendam intimi cordis affectu rogamus, quatinus negotia dilecti domicelli nostri Thomæ de Longchaumpp, harum bajuli, nostris obsequiis continue insistentis, vobis per eundem seriosius exponenda, habere dignemini, si libeat, specialiter commendata; et eo favorabilius quo vestræ dominationi reverendæ preces infundimus pro eodem, ut has preces nostras fiducialiter impetratas sibi sentiat efficaces. Semper ad Ecclesiæ suæ regimen vos conservet in prosperis Jesus Christus. Script. etc.

(1355.) 821.—Littera credenciæ, cum deliberatione provida negotiorum, quid salubrius ulterius sit agendum.

L. 88 *b*.

Letter of credence of a mes-

Pater et domine reverende, accedit ad vestram dominationem reverendam Johannes Elys de Can-

tuaria, harum bajulus, super quibusdam negotiis statum et salutem Dominæ Margeriæ Child, monialis Monasterii Sancti Sepulchri Cantuariensis, contingentibus, vobis per eundem bajulum seriosius exponendis, plenius informatus; cui in dicendo dignemini, si libeat, fidem credulam adhibere, ac vestra deliberatione provida ulterius ordinare quid in hac parte salubrius sit agendum. Ad Ecclesiæ vestræ regimen vos conservet Trinitas indivisa. Script. etc.

senger going to the Archbishop in the interests of a Nun of St. Sepulchre's.

822.—Littera regratiatoria. (1355.)

L. 88 *b*.

Pater, etc. De eo quod vicariam ecclesiæ parochialis de Lyttleborne vacantem Domino Thomæ de Gravene capellano conferre, nostrarum precium caritativarum instantia, concessistis, sinceræ vestræ dilectioni cordiales gratiarum referrimus actiones, offerrentes vobis ad majora vel consimilia nos paratos. Valeatis in Domino prospere annis multis. Script. etc.

Thanks to the Archbishop for a collation of the vicarage of Littlebourne.

823.—De domibus pauperum de Herbaldoune et Northgate. 6 Feb. 1356.

H. 93 *b*.

Omnibus, *etc.*, Robertus, *etc.*, Prior, *etc.*, salutem. Noverit, *etc.*, nos litteras patentes, *etc.*, Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, *etc.*, inspexisse, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:

"Omnibus, *etc.*, Simon, etc. Noverit universitas vestra, quod cum pauperes hospitalium de Herbaldoune et de Northgate, Cantuariensis diœcesis, super et de elemosina Cantuariensium Archiepiscoporum fundatorum, ab olim, necnon ab omni tempore, et præsertim cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, de elemosina Archiepiscoporum Cantuariensium qui fuerant centum et quadraginta libras, necnon de Ecclesia de Recolvre, jam mensæ Archiepiscopali auctoritate apostolica noviter unita, et rectoribus ejusdem

The ancient Hospitals of St. Nicholas of Harbledown and St. John of Northgate, endowed with 140*l.* yearly from the Archbishop personally and 20*l.* from the rectory of Reculver, have suffered

inconvenience from uncertainly paid income during vacancies of the See of Canterbury. Archbishop Islip, following up the beginnings of Archbishop Stratford, by charging the whole income of the Hospitals upon the church of Reculver, removes their grievance.

viginti libras sterlingorum, tam pro sustentacione sua et aliorum infirmorum ad ipsa hospitalia confluencium, quam aliis sibi incumbentibus oneribus commodius [1] supportandis, continue percipissent; principes insuper excellentissimi Reges Angliæ onus præstacionis dictarum centum et quadraginta librarum, quociens et quando sedes archiepiscopalis vacasset, et temporalia dictorum Archiepiscoporum, ea occasione seu alias, in suis manibus, jure regio, extitissent, pro temporibus quibus temporalia hujusmodi tenuerunt agnovissent, et easdem centum et quadraginta libras, pro rata terminorum in eisdem vacacionibus seu temporibus quibus in eorum manibus temporalia prædicta extiterunt qualitercumque currencium, insuper persolvissent, ab omni tempore supradicto; bonæ tamen memoriæ Dominus Johannes de Stratford, noster prædecessor, conspiciens dictos pauperes super dictis præstacionibus nullam probacionem aliam quam possessionem prædicti temporis habuisse, quod [2] eis diversa afferebant incommoda,[3] dum singuli Archiepiscopi in singulis creationum principiis, pro suis conscienciis serenandis, probaciones de hujusmodi temporibus exigebant, quæ sine magno ipsorum paperum incommodo, præter expensas non modicas, nequierunt expedire; quodque contingentibus vacacionum temporibus quandoque immo percrebrius, præcaptanda solucione prædictæ summæ centum et quadraginta librarum, ipsius partem magnam expendebant; et quod Magister Thomas de Astele, ultimus rector ipsius ecclesiæ, quibusdam quæsitis coloribus super præstacione dictarum viginti librarum, molestaciones varias eisdem pauperibus intulisset; volens pietatis intuitu dictis pauperibus uberius et utilius prospicere, et de præfatis summis securitatem facere, per quam possent Domino quiecius

[1] *commodiis*, MS.
[2] *quæ*, MS.
[3] *incommodo*, MS.

famulari, et ne a quoquam successorum suorum[1] imposterum de eisdem possit quicquam in dubium revocari, prædictam ecclesiam de Recolvre, ut de fructibus ejusdem imperpetuum solverentur summæ memoratæ, tam ad exoneracionem Archiepiscoporum Cantuariensium sede ipsa plena, quam nobilium Regum Anglorum succedencium vacacionum hujusmodi temporibus, in recompensacionem consensus regii, in appropriacione prædicta et sub eadem condicione, adhibiti, sibi et mensæ suæ archiepiscopali imperpetuum, auctoritate apostolica, appropriari optinuit et uniri. Sed idem pater reverendus ante finalem expedicionem securitatis hujusmodi, sicut Domino placuit, ab hac luce migravit. Nos vero Simon Archiepiscopus prædictus, sibi, quamvis immeriti, succedentes, considerantes hæc, ad laudem Dei, [et] necessitatum[2] pauperum prædictorum sublevacionem piissimam, de intencione purissima processisse; ipsius patris cupientes studiosis inhærere vestigiis, receptis primitus super præmissis omnibus certis informacionibus atque veris, tractatu insuper cum Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi diligenti, eo propterea convocato, habito specialiter super præmissis, causis prædictis discussis, et decreto per nos interposito super eis; ad laudem Dei, et quietem dictorum pauperum, necessitatumque suarum relevacionem congruam, exoneracionemque Cantuariensium Archiepiscoporum; de fructibus ecclesiæ prædictæ memoratas summas, videlicet ad centum et quadraginta[3] libras se extendentes, per nos et successores nostros ipsa sede plena, et ipsa sede vacante per manus eorum qui fructus et emolumenta dictæ ecclesiæ et capellarum eidem annexarum sunt percepturi, juxta distinctionem inferius annotatam, quamdiu mensæ archiepiscopali appropriata duraverit, fore decernimus imperpetuum exsolvendas; ad quarum quidem summarum

[1] *nostrorum?*
[2] *necessitatem*, MS.
[3] *sexaginta?*

solucionem, quatuor anni temporibus per æquales porciones, videlicet Sancti Martini in yeme, Purificacionis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis, Apostolorum Philippi et Jacobi, et Sancti Petri quod dicitur ad Vincula, de fructibus ecclesiæ prædictæ quamdiu mensæ archiepiscopali sic unita fuerit fideliter faciendam, deliberacione provida præoptenta, de consensu prædicti Capituli nostri, propter causas prædictas et utilitatem archiepiscopatus evidentem, obligamus dictam ecclesiam de Recolvre, sic mensæ nostræ archiepiscopali ut præmittitur unitam, nos eciam, et successores nostros, præfatis (h)ospitalibus, et pauperibus in eisdem degentibus, et qui sibi succedent imperpetuum quocumque nomine cenceantur. Præfata vero appropriacione qualitercumque cessante, seu, quod absit, revocata, vel qualitercumque dissoluta, decernimus, volumus, et eciam ordinamus, quod temporalia dicti archiepiscopatus ad solucionem dictarum centum et quadraginta librarum, et præfata ecclesia de Recolvere ad solucionem viginti librarum, [sicut] primitus fuerant, redeant et remaneant onerata; hospitaliaque prædicta, et pauperes tunc degentes, in eis quocumque nomine cenceantur, ad jus suum recipiendi et habendi dictas summas, ut præfertur, redeant antiquum, et eo extunc libere utantur et gaudeant, sicut ante ipsius ecclesiæ unione et appropriacione præmissis uti solebant qualitercumque seu gaudere, dicta appropriacione et temporis fluxu non obstantibus nec impedimentum afferentibus quovismodo. Et ne, propter mortem Archiepiscoporum diversis temporibus decedencium, de solucione in præfatis terminis facienda dubium aliquod oriatur; volumus et ordinamus, quod quicumque Archiepiscopus, post perceptas per eum annuales fructus dictæ ecclesiæ et capellarum eidem annexarum, post festum Sancti Michaelis et ante festum Paschæ tunc proxime sequens, exnunc decesserit, quod ipse et executores sui ad præstacionem dictarum summarum, quatuor terminis

dictam percepcionem immediate sequentibus, integraliter teneatur; liceatque Priori dicti Capituli, qui, pro tempore fuerit, fructus dumtaxat in dicta ecclesia et ejus capellis existentes tempore mortis suæ, si ad solucionem prædictam sufficere potuerint, summarie. alioquin cetera bona dicti Archiepiscopi, ubicumque existencia, usque ad concurrentem quantitatem pro ipsis terminis aretro existentibus, sequestrare, et sub arto custodire sequestro, quousque dictis pauperibus de præfatis summis fuerit integraliter satisfactum. Si vero Archiepiscopus hujusmodi post festum Paschæ et ante festum Sancti Michaelis proxime tunc sequens decesserit, cum in hoc casu, de consuetudine Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis notoria, fructus majores et autumpnales ejusdem anni ad ipsam pertinere debebunt, si ejus executores fructus ecclesiæ et capellarum hujusmodi juxta consuetudinem ipsam integre perceperint, et de eis habuerint facultatem liberam disponendi, ad solucionem, pro quatuor terminis percepcionum hujusmodi immediate sequentibus, quatenus fructus hujusmodi ad hoc se extenderint et non ultra, insuper, defuncti nomine Archiepiscopi, teneantur. Quod si solucionem hujusmodi non fecerint, liceat tunc dicto Priori, si vacacio ipsa usque ad percepcionem fructuum hujusmodi duraverit, porcionem fructuum ecclesiæ prædictæ dictum defunctum contingentem, et nulla alia bona dicti defuncti, sequestrare, etc. Et si porcio dictum defunctum contingens non sufficiat, residuum de porcione futuri Pontificis suppleatur. Nostræ tamen intencionis non existit, quod si, sede plena, temporalia dicti archiepiscopatus quacumque actione ad manus regias applicentur, ita quod Archiepiscopum de spiritualibus vivere et regi oporteat, pro tempore hujusmodi eciam ad solucionem aliquam dictis pauperibus faciendam Archiepiscopus qui pro tempore fuerit aliqualiter teneatur; sed in eo casu temporalia sicut [debeni] remaneant onerata. In cujus rei, etc.

Data apud Otteford, viij° Idus Februarii, anno Domini M°CCC°L quinto."

Nos vero Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. ordinacioni præsenti, etc. nostrum præbemus consensum, pariter et assensum. Data in Domo nostro Capitulari, ... die mensis Februarii, anno Domini supradicto.

19 May 1356.

H. 93.

824.—Corrodium concessum Thomæ Sprot et Julianæ uxori suæ.

The Chapter grant a liberal maintenance to Thomas Sprot and his wife for life, whilst to the man is conceded a lay office in the Monastery.

Universis, etc. Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra, nos, sinceræ dilectionis intuitu, nostro consensu et assensu unanimi, concessisse, etc. dilectis nobis in Christo Thomæ Sprot de Mersham et Julianæ uxori suæ quoddam corrodium, ad totam vitam utriusque ipsorum, sub modo et condicionibus quæ sequuntur percipiendum; videlicet, quod iidem Thomas et Juliana habeant et percipiant de celario nostro, in Monasterio nostro Cantuariensi, de die in diem, per ministros suos, unum panem conventualem, et unum panem vocatum *smalpays*, et unam lagenam servisiæ et dimidiam conventualis servisiæ melioris,[1] et unam lagenam et dimidiam secundæ servisiæ vocatæ *cantelale*; et de coquina, nostra in eodem monasterio, ad prandium cotidie duos parseys; et in principalibus festis tres parsys, videlicet, de quolibet ferculo conventuali unum parsay [2] coctum cum potagio, prout alicui confratrum nostrorum in refectorio nostro illo die deserviri contigerit. Et quando Conventus cœnat pupplice in refectorio, similiter percipiant sicut unus de confratribus nostris ibidem cœnantibus, præter pietanciam, de qua nichil percipiant nec ad prandium nec ad

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[1] This should probably stand *unam lagenam et dimidiam servisiæ conventualis melioris.*

[2] *Parsiare* = *partager* Ducange.

cœnam. Volumus etiam et concedimus eidem Thomæ, et confirmamus per præsentes, officium custodiæ portæ nostræ interioris in monasterio nostro, juxta *Aulam Hospitum* scituatæ, una cum camera, consueta deputari officiario custodiæ ejusdem, et annexa dictæ portæ, cum annua pensione duodecim solidorum, per manus Celerariorum nostrorum qui pro tempore fuerint annuatim, pro custodia prædicta, percipienda; pro[1] qua quidem pecunia duodecim solidorum concedimus eidem Thomæ, ad totam vitam suam, unam robam de secta armigerorum nostrorum, annuatim percipiendam; ita quod ad ea quæ officio custodiæ prædictæ ex consuetudine incumbunt, per se vel per aliam personam ydoneam, sit intendens. In cujus rei, etc. Data, etc. in festo Sancti Dunstani Archiepiscopi anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii, etc. tricesimo.

825.—[De camera in Hospitali de Eastbregg concessa ratione annui redditus dati eidem.]

21 June 1356.

H. 92 *b*.

The Master of Eastbridge Hospital, in consideration of a perpetual rent of four marks settled upon himself and his successors, grants a life estate in a chamber of the hospital and a stable, and a life pension of

Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ, etc. Simon permissione divina, etc. Noveritis nos inspexisse litteras infrascripti tenoris:

"Universis, etc. Thomas de Wolton, Magister seu Custos Hospitalis Sancti Thomæ Martiris de Eastbregg Cantuariæ, salutem. Noveritis, quod cum Dominus Ricardus de Medeborne, Capellanus, contulerit michi et successoribus meis quatuor marcatas annui redditus imperpetuum, in Civitate Cantuaria in parochia Sancti Petri, in subsidium sustentacionis nostræ, et pro elemosinis in eadem hospitali uberius largiendis; egoque, eo prætextu sibi volens vices gratuitas aliqualiter compensare, de consensu venerabilis patris Domini Simonis Dei gratia, etc., patroni ejusdem, do et concedo eidem usum et inhabitacionem cujusdam

[1] *cum* ?

four marks. cameræ in dicto hospitali, in quodam solario juxta firmariam, extendentis se ad curiam præfati hospitalis versus Est, et alias cameras dicti solarii versus West, cum libero ingressu et egressu ad eam et ab ea Do etiam eidem quatuor marcas annuæ pensionis in dicto hospitali, in festis (*consuetis*); habenda et tenenda omnia prædicta prædicto Ricardo ad totum terminum vitæ suæ. Et ad solucionem dictæ pensionis, etc. obligo et subjicio districtioni et cohercioni ejus omnes terras, etc. dicti hospitalis, etc. Concedo præterea eidem receptaculum pro equo suo in stabulo infra dictum hospitale, quociens per vices ad Civitatem Cantuariam eum declinare contingat, ad totam vitam suam. Data Cantuariæ xj° Kalendas Julii anno Domini M°CCCLVJ^to^."

Confirmationes Archiepiscopi et Capituli sequuntur in forma consueta.

Eisdem anno et die concessæ sunt aulam, cameram, stabulum, et annuam pensionem decem librarum, cum focalibus competentibus in camino aulæ prædictæ utendis, Adæ le Eyr, Civi Londoniensi, ratione redditus perpetui decem librarum ab eo concessi.

(1356.) L. 61 *b*.

826.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA EPISCOPO ELYENSI QUOD SIT ADJUTOR SICUT PROMISIT IN NEGOTIIS ECCLESIÆ AGENDIS ET SUBVENIENDIS.

The Prior asks the Bishop of

Pater et domine reverende. Memor promissi vestri alias michi facti, quod in agendis meis impenderetis

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(1356.) L. 89 *a*.

828.—LITTERA REGRATIATORIA MISSA DOMINO PRINCIPI DE SUA FELICI EXPEDITIONE IN PARTIBUS FRANCIÆ ET GASCONIÆ, ETC.

The Black Prince is congratu-

Tresredoute Seignur et tresgracious, jeo me recommaund a vostre tresgrande seignurie, et vous mercie

consilium et juvamen, pro quo vobis regratior toto corde; jam quia indigeo et spero vestro adjutorio relevari, et ideo negotia mea, quæ valde incidunt michi corde, per latorem præsentium, vestro auditu, si placet, exponenda, specialiter recommendo; vestram paternitatem carissimam humiliter deprecans et requirens, quatinus michi dignemini subvenire, ut finem prosperam capiant et felicem; præcipientes michi cum fiducia si quæ facere potero placita votis vestris. Paternitatem vestram carissimam dirigat et conservet Altissimus in prosperis sicut desiderat totus vester. Script. etc.

Ely to assist him in some matter not expressed.

Nota bene istam supplicationem.

827.—Littera testimonialis de satisfactione Domino Priori per illum qui libertates Ecclesiæ violavit et de pœnitentia sibi injuncta peracta.

(1356.) L. 89 *a*.

Amice carissime, scire velitis quod harum bajulus, qui libertates Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis temere violavit, nobis de excessu hujusmodi congrue satisfecit, ac pœnitentiam, auctoritate domini nostri communis ea occasione sibi injunctam, peregit; unde vestram dilectionem rogamus, quatinus contra ipsum ulterius occasione præmissa nullatenus procedatis. Ut valere desideramus semper in Domino feliciter valeatis. Script., etc.

The Prior requests the Official of the diocese to stop proceedings against a culprit who has made atonement.

828.

Most dread and most gracious Lord, I recommend myself to your most mighty Lordship, and thank you with

lated on his victory at Poitiers.

de tout mon cuer et mes seenz de vostre tresgraciousse humilite, qe vous deignastes un tiel simple vostre moigne et oratour visiter et conforter par voz tresgraciousses lettres, de vostre bon estat et honurable esploit qe Dieux vous ad donez de sa grande misericorde, et si mervoilloussement qe nul nad oy parlir ne trove en escript ; de quey je sui sovereignement tenuz Dieu de ciel toutz jours loer, plus qe je ne suy de seen et de poair, pur la grande joye qe jeo navoy quant je resceu de vostre mervoillousse esploit les noveles. Treshonuree Seignur et treshumble, je suy apris de grantz clerks, et par Seinte Escripte, qe la humilite de la Benoite Vierge Marie fuist a Dieu plus plesaunete qe sa virginitee ; pur quey tresreverent Seignur, come je os vous supplie saunz displesaunce de vous, qe toutz vos œvres [1] et travaux sicom vous lez avez par humilite commenscez les vuillez usir et finir en y cele. Tresexcellent Seignur, vous plese entendre qe toutz mes fraires et moy prioms nuyt et jour devoutement pur salvacion de vostre corps et alme, et sauvement en Engleterre retournir, al perpetuele joye de vous et profist du roilme. Tresnoble Seignur et treshonurables, Dieu, par qi toutz beins et perfections des busoignes viegnent, vous donit par sa grande merci et misericorde tiel fyn et effect des toutes voz busoignes come vous desirez. Escript a Canterbirs, etc.

Par vostre humble chapellein Priour del
Esglise de Cantorbirs.

6 Oct. (1356).
L. 59 *b*.

829.—Littera Principis.

The Black Prince, writing from Poitiers, informs the Prior that he and his

Trescher en Dieu, nous pensons bien qe tondis les vous merciez [2] orrier bones novelles de nous et de ceux de nostre compaignie, si vous fesons savoir qau

[1] *oepres*, MS.

[2] *que vous desirez ?*

all my heart and mind for your gracious condescension, in that you deign by your gracious letters to notice and console your poor monk and bedesman; (telling him) of your good condition and the honourable exploit which God has granted to you of his great mercy; and that so marvellously, that none has ever heard of such or read in history; for which I am always supremely bound to praise the God of Heaven, more than I have skill or power to do, in recompense for the great joy I felt when I received the news of your marvellous exploit. Most honoured and most humble Lord, I have learned, from eminent scholars and from Holy Writ, that the humbleness of mind of the Blessed Virgin was more pleasing to God than even her virginity; wherefore, most reverend Lord, if I may dare to ask it without displeasing you; as you have begun all your acts and labours with humility, you will continue and end them with the same. Most excellent Lord, be pleased to understand that all my brethren and I myself devoutly pray night and day for the preservation of your body and soul, and for your safe return to England, for the perpetual joy of yourself and profit of the realm. May God, from whom all good and all perfect undertakings come, by his great mercy and pity give you in all your affairs such end and result as you desire. Written, &c.

829.

Beloved in God, we fully believe that whilst you desire to hear good news of us and those of our company, so we give you to know that at the sending off of these

army are in a good condition (after the battle fought three weeks before).

departir de cestes nous et trestoute nostre compaignie estoms en bon point, loiez ensoit Nostre Seignur; disirraunt tondis assavoir y ce mesmes de vous. Nostre Seignur vous gard. Donez souz nostre signet a nostre Ville de Poitiers le vj^e jour Doctobre.

(1356.)
L. 59 *b*.

830.—[Littera Mercatoris.]

A merchant informs the Prior that he has delivered groceries and dried fish to a servant of the Convent, and that he has given to the servant an invoice of the goods.

Honurs et reverences. Trescher Sire, voillez savoir qe jay delivere a Richard Penne vostre servant, solom vostre lettre qe vous moi mandastes par le dit Richard, en espycerii, pesson sale, et stokfiche, a le mountauntz de xlvij. livres xiij. souds ix. deniers, de queux choses le dit Richard vous apport les parcells escripts en une cedul. Seynt Espritz vous eyt en son garde. Trescher [Sire], si agune chos voiellez qe jeo faire puse, affiablement moy voiellez mander.

1 Nov. 1356.
L. 49 *a*.

831.—[Commissio Senescallorum de Dockombe.]

Power of attorney appointing two seneschals for the manor of Doccombe in Devonshire.

As toutz ceux qi cestes lettres vorrount ou orrount Robert, *etc.* Prior, *etc.* Sachez nous avoir ordinez et mys en nostre lieu Nicholas Whyting et Johan Gatepath de Chuddelegh noz attornez, a tenir noz courts en nostre manoir de Doccombe en le counte de Deve(n)schir, et affaire de par nous ce qils voient qe mieuz fait affaire en cele partie. Et ce qiles ferront, ou un de eux ferra, de par nous a nostre profist, averoms [et] tendroms ferm et estable. Par quoi nous voloms qe toutz noz tenantz et autres de nostre manoir susdit soient as eux entendauntz et respondentz com as nous meismes. En tesmoignaunce, etc. Donez a Cantorbirs le Mardy en la feste de Toutz Seintz, lan du regne, etc. xxxme.

we and all our company are in a good state, praised be Our Lord for it, desiring at the same time to hear the same of you. Our Lord keep you. Given under our private seal in our city of Poitiers the 6th day of October.

830.

Honours and reverence. Very dear Lord, please to know that I have delivered to Richard Penne, your servant, in obedience to your letter which you sent to me by the said Richard, in groceries, salt-fish, and stock-fish, to the value of forty-seven pounds, thirteen shillings, and ninepence, of which goods the said Richard is bringing you the items in a schedule. May the Holy Spirit have you in his keeping. Very dear Lord, if there be anything which you wish that I may do, please to send to me with confidence.

831.

To all who shall see or hear these letters, Robert, &c. Prior, &c. Know ye that we have constituted and put in our place Nicholas Whyting and John Gatepath of Chudleigh, as our attornies for holding our courts in our manor of Doccombe, in the County of Devon, and for doing on our behalf whatever in this matter they see best to be done. And whatever they, or one of them, shall do on our behalf for our profit we will have and hold firm and sure. Wherefore we desire that all our tenants and others in our aforesaid manor shall be obedient and answerable to them as to ourselves. In witness, &c.

1356.
H. 96 *b*.

832.—Littera Willelmi Braunche de hostio claustri.

A layman appointed keeper of the Cloister door, with duties in

Universis, *etc.* Noveritis nos unanimi assensu et consensu nostro concessisse, *etc.* dilecto nobis in Christo Willelmo filio Johannis Braunche de Cantuaria, ad totam vitam suam, officium hostiarii claustri nostri

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2 Feb. 1357.
II. 97 *b*.

833.—Composicio inter nos et Cives Cantuarienses de Mildrethemell.

A compromise in settlement of a law-suit between the Chapter of Christ Church and the citizens of Canterbury, the subject of dispute being the inconveniences arising from the nearness of two mills, one above the other, on the same stream.

Ceste endenture, faite parentre Robert, etc. Prieur del Esglise de Crist, etc. dunepart et Esmond Cokyn et Estephene de Sellyngg, Bayliffs de la Cite de Canterbirs et la Comminalte de mesme la Cite daltre-part, tesmoigne: qe come mesme ceux Prieur et Covent tenent lour molyn de Mildrethmell en la dite Cite de Canterbirs come en le droit de lour Eglise avantdoite sur la ryvere qe lem appelle La Sture, et les ditz Bayliffs, etc. tenent lour molyn appelle Kynggsmelle en mesme la Cite sur mesme la ryvere par aval come lour droit; et coment par cause dun estang de novel levee au dit molyn de Kynggsmell auvisaunt al dit molyn de Mildrethmell, come estoit suppose, pur estopier del cours de la dite rivere et refoler tamqe al roe du dit molyn de Meldrethmell, plee damisaunce estoit meu (entre le dit Priour, pleyntif, et Johan Elys et Estevene de Hoo, nadgaires Baylyffs, etc., defendantz) en la Court nostre Seignur le Roi. Nientmoins, pur apeser le debat susdit, entre les partyes susditz, lour successours, et heyrs entemps avenir, si sount ils acordes en manere quensuyt, cest a savoir: que les avantdits Priour et Covent facent estopier par amont lour molyn de Meldrethmell la ware juste Canterbirspol; et apres ceol estopier qe la

monasterii nostri Cantuariensis, cum omnibus et singulis proficuis, *etc.* ad officium prædictum pertinentibus; ita quod ad ea consueta officio hostiariæ prædictæ quæ servicio suo in refectorio nostro ex consuetudine incumbunt, per se vel aliam personam idoneam, *etc.* sit intendens. In cujus rei, *etc.* anno Domini MºCCCº quinquagesimo sexto.

the refectory attached to the office.

833.

This indenture, made between Robert, &c. Prior of Christ Church, &c. on the one part and Edmond Cokyn and Stephen of Selling, Bailiffs of the City of Canterbury, and the Commonalty of the same City on the other part, witnesseth: that whereas the same Prior and Convent hold their mill called Mildred's Mill in the said City of Canterbury as in right of their Church aforesaid on the river which is called the Stour, and the said Bailiffs, &c. hold their mill called King's Mill in the same City on the same river downstream as their right; and whereas owing to a new millpond lately embanked for the said mill of King's Mill neighbouring unto the said mill of Mildred's Mill, as was alleged, for the purpose of crippling the course of the said river and of throwing it back upon the waterwheel of the said mill of Mildred's Mill, an action of damage was brought (between the said Prior, plaintiff, and John Elys and Stephen of Hoo, formerly Bailiffs, &c., defendants) in the Court of Our Lord the King. Nevertheless, in order to appease the aforesaid dispute between the beforesaid parties, their successors, and heirs in time to come, they have thus agreed, that is to say: that the aforesaid Prior and Convent shall cause the weeds to be destroyed upstream from their mill of Mildred's Mill as far as Canterbury

Comminalte de la dicte Cite face moundier et purgier nettement la dicte rivere des schameles, et coilettes de terre, et autres ordures queconques a lour propre custages, solom lancienne cours parentre mesmes les deus molyns, avant la feste de Seynt Michel qe serra de la feste de Seynt Michel proschein ensuaunt apres la fesaunce de cestes en un an. Et apres ceux estopier, moundier, et purgier les avantdicts Priour et Covent, deyns mesme le temps, facent moundier paramount le dit moleyn la ou lour terre est, ensy qe en lour defalte lour dit molyn ne soit desturbe amoudre. Et apres ceste choses acomplys, les avantdits Baylyffs et Comminalte, pur eux, lour hyers, et lour successours, de mettre deyns mesme le temps un pollard parentre mesme le molyns de tiele hautesse, par renable level, come attyent; et mesme le pollard meyntener a tous jours esteant la dicte Cite en lour meyns afirme. Et qe ils ferront auxint lour esclusses de lour molyn de Kynggesmelle de donqes de mesme la hautesse, par renable level, issint qe outre le summet de mesme cel pollard et escluses nul ewe il[1] soit retenuz par les estangues du dit molyn de Kynggsmelle; ne par schameles, ordures, ou autre collectes de terre parentre de deux molyns en la dicte rivere par amont[2] le dit molyn de Mildrethmell soit en ascune manere distourbe a moudre, come il soleyt avant qe le dist molyn de Kynggsmelle qore est estoit de novele leve. Et les avantdicts Priour et Covent grantent, pur eux et lour successours a tous jours, de mettre deynz mesme le temps un pollard par amont lour dit molyn, par renable level, come atient, et mesme le pollard, esteaunt lour molyn, pur tous jours meyntener; et qils ferront les escluses de mesme le molyn de adonqs de mesme la hautesse levelee, issint qe nulle ewe illusqes soit retenuz. Et a cestes

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[1] *y?*

[2] *par aval?*

Pool; and after this destruction the Commonalty of the said City shall cause the said river to be cleansed, and thoroughly purged of flams, collections of sand, and other filth of all kinds at their proper costs, following the ancient course (of the stream) between the same two mills, and this before the feast of St. Michael following the feast of St. Michael next ensuing after the making of these indentures in a year. And after this destruction, cleansing, and purging the said Prior and Convent, within the same term, shall cleanse above the(ir) said mill where their land lies, so that through their own default their said mill may not be interrupted in grinding. And these things completed, the aforesaid Bailiffs, for themselves, their heirs, and their successors, (are) to fix within the same term a post between the mills of such a height, at a reasonable level, as is proper; and maintain the said post for ever as long as the said City is held to farm in their hands. And that they shall then also make their floodgates of their mill of King's Mill of the same height, at a reasonable level, so that above the tops of the said post and floodgates no water shall be kept back by the pond-banks of the said mill of King's Mill; nor shall the said mill of Mildred's Mill be in any manner hindered in grinding by flams, filth, or other gatherings of sand between the two mills in the said river upstream, as things used to be before the said mill of King's Mill which now is was rebuilt. And the aforesaid Prior and Convent concede, for themselves and their successors for ever, that they will, within the same term, put in a post upstream from their mill, at a reasonable level, as it behoves, and, as long as the mill remains theirs, they will always maintain it; and that they will then make the floodgates of the same mill of the same height and level, so that no water shall be there kept back. And for the

covenauntz lealment tenier et performer, si bien lès avantdictes Priour et Covent, eux et lour successours, come les avantdictes Bayliffs et Comminalte, eux, lour heyrs, et successours soy obligent par icestes, entrechangeablement, de lour commune seal asseales. Donez a Canterbirs, le jour de la Purificacioun de Nostre Dame, lan du reign nostre Seignur le Roy Edward tierce apres la conqueste trente-primere.

Effectus istius composicionis executus est, in purgacione scamelorum et Sturæ a Mildredemell usque Kyngismell, in nova reparacione ejusdem Kyngismelle facta anno Domini M°CCCC°XXXJ^{mo}; quo anno cives Cantuariæ omnia schameles, Sturam, et omnia præmissa mundaverunt suis propriis sumptibus et expensis, per hanc composicionem astricti.

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1 Mar. 1357.

L. 48 *b*.

834.—ACQUIETANCIA DE BONIS ORDINATIS ECCLESIÆ.

The executors of a deceased person pay twenty pounds to Christ Church to be employed for the good of the soul of the defunct.

Universis pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. recepimus et habuimus die confectionis præsentium de executoribus Domini Roberti Burbache defuncti xx. libras in nobilibus aureis de bonis ipsius defuncti pro anima ejusdem, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Datum Cantuariæ primo die Martii, anno Domini M°CCC°LVJ^{to}.

21 April 1357.

H. 94 *b*.

835.—LITTERA SIGNATA PER SIGILLUM COMMUNE PRO UNO PANE ET UNA JUSTA SEREVISIÆ CONCESSA MAGISTRO T. MASOUN.

A daily loaf and a jug of ale are granted to one of the legal advisers of the Chapter whenever he is

Tenore præsencium nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. notum facimus universis, quod nos, reducentes ad exactæ consideracionis examen, quod venerabilis vir Magister Thomas Masoun, juris peritus, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ frequenter, provido consilio et opere efficaci, variis profuit in agendis, sicut multipliciter experti sumus temporibus retroactis in nostris nego-

loyal observance and performance of these covenants, as well the said Prior and Convent and their successors as the aforesaid Bailiffs and Commonalty, they, their heirs, and successors bind themselves reciprocally by these presents, sealed with their common seals. Given, &c.

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ciis feliciter expeditis, ipsum omnium piorum suffragiorum et bonorum [operum] per nos et nostros successores, quæ in nostra Cantuariensi Ecclesia fient imperpetuum, participem constituimus, Deum pro ipso internis affectibus, cum claræ devocionis promptitudine, exorantes, ut ipse eum custodiat et ad salutem animæ suæ dirigat in agendis; ac etiam, considerantes multa alia beneficia fructuosa nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ impensa, excitamur et inducimur ut ipsius personam prærogativis et recompensacione amplioribus favorum et gratiarum temporalium merito persequamur. Hinc est quod, ex unanimi consensu, assensu, et voluntate nostris, concessimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, eidem Magistro Thomæ, qualibet die ad terminum vitæ suæ, unum panem conventualem et unam justam cerevisiæ conventualis, percipiendos et habendos ubicumque fuerit, de prioratu nostro prædicto.[1] In cujus rei, etc. Data xxj° die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M°CCC°LVIJ^mo.

on the spot to receive them; and at the same time he is admitted to spiritual confraternity with the Convent.

[1] Probably this clause should stand *quandocunque fuerit in prioratu nostro.*

10 July (1357).

L. 49 *a*.

836.—Copie de la lettre mande a John Gatepat(h) nostre Seneschal de Doccombe.

One of the newly appointed Seneschals of Doccombe has acted oppressively to the tenants, even turning a man and his wife and children into the street; he is therefore warned by the Prior to abstain from farther severe measures.

Salutz. Come nadgaires vous mandames par noz lettres qe vous cessatz de destresse faire sour nostre homage de Doccombe pur nostre rente illeoqes, par cause qils ont empris de nous servir loialement, et paier dan en an en temps avenir; et puis avoms entenduz qe vous avez grevousement distreint un Thomas Legg, et enchace sa femme et ses enfauntz hors de sa meson, pur rendre a vous nostre rental et paier a vous nostre rent, et auxint a rendre a vous acompte de ycele de temps passe, et dautres profistz sourdauntz de nostre dit homage; quel chose, si ensy soit, voloms qe vous cesses de tiels destresses faire, car nous voloms par lour meyns dan en an estre servy de nostre rent, en manere com ils ount empris, et de toutz autres profistz sourdauntz par an de nostre dit homage; pur quoi nous voloms qe vous nous envoiez, souz vostre seal, chescun an del an passez, les copies de les extrectes des Courts par vous tenuz, et les autres evidences des profistz annuels qi eschecent, issint qe nous les puissoms charger resonablement a lour venue. Et endroit de une marc de vostre empension, qe vous prendrez par an de lour meyns, nous lour feroms due allowance. Et vous chargeoms qe vous sourveillez[1] nostre bois illoqes, en cas qe nous puissoms prendre profist, et nous certifiez quel profist et la value par voz lettres. A Dieu. Escript a Cantorbirs le xme jour de Juyl.

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[1] *souvenez*, MS.

836.

Greeting. Whereas we lately ordered you by our letters that you should cease from distraining upon our tenantry at Doccombe for our rent there, because that they have undertaken to treat us loyally, and to pay up from year to year in time to come; yet since then we have heard that you have harshly distrained upon one Thomas Legg, and turned his wife and his children out of their house, in order to (make him) pay you our rent, and also reckon with you for that of past times, and other profits which accrue from our said tenantry; which thing if it so be, we desire that you cease from levying such distresses, for we desire at their hands from year to year to be furnished, as they have undertaken, with our rent, and the other profits which yearly accrue from our said tenantry; wherefore we desire that every year you send to us, under your seal, copies of the entries for the preceding year in the rolls of the Courts held by you, and all other proofs of the annual profits which come in, so that we may charge them reasonably when they come. And as to the mark of your salary, which you annually receive at their hands, we will make them due abatement. And we charge you that you keep watch upon our woods there, in case we may make any profit from them, and certify us in your letters what profit we can make. Adieu, &c.

23 July (1357).

L. 89 *a*.

837.—LITTERA PRO TENENTIBUS ECCLESIÆ DE TELONEO NON SOLVENDO IN MERCATIS, ET DE DISTRICTIONE SUPER EOS FACTA IN EISDEM DELIBERANDA.

The men of Rye having levied a distress for toll upon a tenant of the Convent, they are reminded that all tenants of Christ Church are exempt from this payment.

Chers amys. Por ceoqe vous avez pris un chival sur Robert de Penyntone, nostre tenaunt de Holyngbourne, en noun destresse; par quiele destresse vous le chassez de paier toln en vostre ville de la Rye, et nulle deliveraunce vuillez faire de y cele; si devez entendre de certein qe toutz y ceux qi prennent de noz tenauntz lavantdit toln, ou destreinent, sont en sentence descomege donez par le glorious Martir Seint Thomas et confermez par Lespostoille de Rome; et auxint sont toutz de noz tenauntz fraunes par graunt du Roys Dengleterre, et ount estez de temps dount y nead memoire. Si, vous prioms cherement (qe), avantz regard a la dite fraunchise grauntee pur toutz noz tenauntz, vuillez deliverir la destresse avantdite, et soeffrir qe lui et autres noz tenauntz puissent venir fraunchement as marchees et as faires, saunz empechement de vous ou de voz ministres, de si avaunt, come ils ount usez avaunt ces houres; issint qe nous ne aioms matire de mettre cestes choses plus avaunt en damage de vous ou travoil. Kar nous ne vorrioms en nulle manere avoir debat ovesqe vous en cas qe nous purrioms sauver le droit de nostre Esglise et fraunchise. A Dieu, chers amys et veisins, qi vous donit grace toutz jours de bien faire. Escript en nostre manoir de Holyngbourne lendemeyn de la Seinte Maudeleyne.

837.

Dear friends. As you have seized a horse from Robert of Penyntone, our tenant at Hollingbourne, by way of distraint; by which distraint you compel him to pay toll in your town of Rye, and refuse to surrender the same; so you should know for certain that all who demand the aforesaid toll from our tenants, or who levy distresses upon them, fall under the sentence of excommunication provided by the glorious Martyr St. Thomas and confirmed by the Popes of Rome; moreover all of our tenants are exempt by grant from the Kings of England, and have always been so from time out of mind. We therefore earnestly pray you that, having respect to the said exemption granted to all our tenants, you will please deliver the aforesaid distress, and permit that he and our other tenants may freely frequent your markets and fairs, without hindrance from you or your officers, henceforth, as they have used to do hitherto; so that we may have no reason to carry these matters farther to your injury and vexation. For in no way do we wish to have controversy with you, if (without it) we may be able to protect the rights and privileges of our Church. May God be with you, dear friends and neighbours, and may he ever give you grace to do what is right.

25 Aug. 14 Sept. 1357.

L. 89 *b*.

838.—Certificatorium factum Domino S. Archiepiscopo super visitatione sua in Ecclesia Christi Cantuariensi auctoritate apostolica et sua, etc.

The Prior's acknowledgement of his receipt of the Archbishop's citation to a visitation; the words of the citation recited.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino, Domino Simoni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ Primati, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legato, vestri humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem. Mandatum paternitatis vestræ reverendæ nuper recepimus, tenorem continens infrascriptum: "Simon pro-"videntia divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. "dilectis filiis Priori et Capitulo Ecclesiæ nostræ Can-"tuariensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Quia "nos, certis et legitimis de causis, nostram Cantua-"riensem Ecclesiam, cui præ ceteris ecclesiis nostræ "Cantuariensis provinciæ specialius obligamur, vosque "ac ceteros conversantes in ea personaliter, Domino "duce, intendimus visitare, et corrigere si quæ in ea "fuerint corrigenda, prout, tam litterarum Apostoli-"carum, quas vobis alias ostendemus, auctoritate ex-"citati sumus, quam ex nostri officii debito ad nos "dinoscitur pertinere; tenore præsentium, peremptorie "vos citamus, et si qui sunt absentes, qui nostræ "visitationi hujusmodi interesse debebunt de consue-"tudine vel de jure, per vos peremptorie citari volu-"mus et mandamus, quod quintodecimo die instantis "mensis Septembris, in domo vestra Capitulari Can-"tuariensi, compareatis personaliter et compareant "coram nobis, dictæ nostræ visitationis officium sus-"cepturi, facturi, et recepturi, cum continuatione et "prorogatione dierum sequentium, juxta qualitatem "dicti negotii et naturam, quod justitia suadebit. Et "quid duxeritis faciendum et feceritis in præmissis

" nos dictis die et loco, cum nominibus et cognomini-
" bus citatorum et omnium aliorum qui visitationi
" nostræ prædictæ tenentur, ut præmittitur, interesse,
" distincte et aperte certificare curetis, per litteras
" vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Data
" apud Maghefeld viij^{vo} kalendas Septembris, anno
" Domini M^{o}CCC^{o}LVIJ^{mo}, et nostræ consecrationis viij^{vo}."
Cui mandato, quatenus nos concernit, secundum vim, formam, et effectum ejusdem parebimus ut convenit reverenter. Nomina vero et cognomina citatorum omnium qui visitationi prædictæ interesse tenentur, præter Fratres Johannem de Frome, Willelmum de Cantuaria, et Michaelem de Cornubia, nostros commonachos absentes et in remotis agentes, quos propter temporis brevitatem et locorum distantiam citare nequivimus, ut mandatur, in cedula hiis annexa seriosius continentur. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xiiij^{o} die mensis Septembris anno supradicto.

20 Sept. 1357.

L. 48 *a*.

839.—ACQUIETANCIA.

The Convent have received, nine days in advance, the amount of the rents of Doccombe manor, and they give the men who have made the advance the (profitable ?) privilege of collecting the rents themselves from the tenants.

Sachez nous avons resceu, par les meins Piers de Kyngwell et Willeam de Coresete, viij. livres de nostre rente et autres profitz de nostre manoir de Doccombe de cest an present, quieux deners ne sont pas dues de paier tanqe a la feste Seint Michel prochein avenir, a ce qils dient; pur quei nous avoms grauntez et donez pouair as eux de levir, destreindre, et recevire, noz dites rentes, et toutes autres maneres profitz del an susdit. En tesmoignaunce, *etc.* Donez a Cantorbirs le xxme jour de Septembre, lan du regne le Roi Edward tiers apres la conqueste xxxj.

16 Oct. (1357). L. 59 *b*. The Black Prince, stationed at Northbourne near Deal, reports to the Prior that he has had wheat ground at his mill, and that the miller's toll is not paid.

840.—Littera Principis.

Cher en Dieu. Porce qe nous avons fait muldre a vostre moleyn pres de Cantorbirs, qest appelle le Northmulle, dount Johann Bone est molynur, deux cent et cessaunte quartiers de furment pur les despenses de nostre houstrel a Northbourne; vous prions qe au dit Johann facez en la ferme qil vous est tenuz a payer pur le dit moleyn allower le tolun du dit furment, pur amour de nous. Nostre Seignur vous garde. Donez sous nostre prive seal au manoir de Northbourne [1] le xvj. jour Doctobre.

(1357.) 59 *a*. The Seneschal of Doccombe is warned that the rents and profits of the manor are three years in arrear, and he is ordered to bring the money to Canterbury with his own hand.

841.—Dockombe.

Pur ceo que nous sumes aderere de nostre rente de Dockombe, ensemblement ove noz chateux levantz de noz tenants illeoqes, par trois aunz passez; vous maundoms, sur forfaiture de quantqe vous purrez forfa(i)r devers nous, qe vewes [2] cestes, mandez a nous a Cauntorbirs nostre dite rente, ove lez ditz chateux et autres profists; et ce ne lessez sur peine sus dite; et qe vous et noz provosts portez a nouz a Cauntorbirs nostre dite rente ove les autres profists, et ceo nul autre qe vous mesmes. A Dieu. Escript a Cauntorbirs le primer jour Doctobre.

(1357.) L. 89 *b*. A letter of recommendation sent

842.—Littera nobis missa per amicum.

Reverende pater. Cupit juvenilis insolentia religionis loro reprimi, et dum floret adolescentia sanctis

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[1] Northbourne is on the higher ground commanding the flat shore between St. Margaret's Bay and Ramsgate, and therefore a favourable position for troops assembled to repel an invasion attempted on the coast. A camp was formed at the same place in 1588 in anticipation of the landing of a force from the Armada.

[2] *vellez*, MS.

840.

Beloved in God. Whereas we have caused two hundred and sixty quarters of wheat, for the service of our household at Northbourne, to be ground at your mill near Canterbury, named *the North Mill*, of which John Bone is the miller; we pray you that, for love of us, you will abate to the said John the toll of the said wheat out of the rent which he has to pay you for the said mill. Our Lord keep you. Given under our private seal at the manor of Northbourne on the 16th day of October.

841.

Dockombe.—Whereas we are behindhand with our rent of Dockombe, together with the chattels levied from our tenants there, for the space of three years past; we command you, under penalty of forfeiture of all that you can forfeit to us, that, on sight of these, you deliver to us at Canterbury our said rent, with the said chattels and other profits; and fail not in this under the penalty aforesaid; and (we command) that you and our officials bring to us at Canterbury the said rent with the other profits, in your own persons, and none other but you. Adieu, &c.

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doctrinis et moribus informari, et ubi ampliorem sapit dulcedinem sanctitatis ibi appetit figere tentoria juxta fontem. Is igitur juvenculus, quem plerique vestræ paternitatis subditi commonachi satis norunt, a firmo religionis proposito, quod in vestro Monasterio paterna, suffragante sibi gratia, stabilivit, nullis dissuasionibus flecti poterit, aut paternis minis vel blanditiis maternis. Unde speratur, quod cordi suo gratia piaculum sic impressit, quod nullis poterit obloquamentis aut

to Christ Church by the hands of a candidate for admission to the Order.

precibus aboleri. Vos igitur, pater bone, si libeat, hoc votum inspicite, et unde emanaverit comprobate, et si a bono spiritu discreverit vestra prudentia processisse, aperiatur, si libeat, fons gratiæ sitienti, et, sumptis probationis haus[t]ibus, tandem, de ejusdem bonitatis habundantia, in fluminis impetum demergatur; ipsumque penes vos recolligere dignemini, meis immeritis precibus et amore. Adhuc, pater mi, ut fidelissimo amico ærumpnas meas exprimavi,[1] qui, ut firmiter præsumo, doleat condolenti. Infinitas perse-

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16 Jan. 1358.

H. 95 *b*.

843.—LITTERA CONTINENS NEGOTIUM CONCORDIÆ INTER PRIOREM ET CONVENTUM ET BALLIVOS ET COMMUNITATE DE GYPEWYZ.

The Prior appoints two attornies to carry out a provisional agreement for the settling of an action between the Chapter and the Commonalty of Ipswich. By the agreement the Commonalty were, in consideration of the payment of two hundred marcs by the Prior,

Pateat universis quod nos Robertus, etc., Prior dilectos nobis in Christo Johannem Cavendissh et Johannem de Hoke, nostros veros, etc. procuratores et attornatos facimus, etc. dantes eisdem, etc. potestatem, etc. perficiendi omnia contenta, etc. in indentura infrascripta, cujus tenor talis est: "Ceste cedule indente " parentre Danz William de Caunterbirs, Suppriour del " Esglise de Cristcherche de Caunterbirs, et Monsire " Arnaud Savage, de part le Priour de mesme la " Esglise dun part, et Monsire Johan de Wynkfeld, " de part les Baillifs et Comminalte de Gipewiz " dautre part, tesmoigne: qe le Jeudi en la feste " de Seint Andrew Lapostle, lan du roigne le Roy " Edward tierz apres la conqueste trentisme primer, " pur final pees faire, entre les dit Priour ses tenants " et resseantz et les avantditz Bailiffs et Comminalte " sur debatz muez entre les ditz Bailiffs et Com- " minalte et ascuns des tenants et resseantz le dit

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[1] sic MS.

cutionum sarcinas quas patior hiis membranis insererem, et qualiter pungit undique novitas pastoralis, quomodoque divina clementia in omnibus me protexit; sed oppressionum immensitas et occupatio non permittunt, quæ etiam michi auferunt decentiam hæc scribendi; sed considerans quod merui incomparabiliter duriora in gratia Altissimi requiesco, vestræ gratæ paternitati committens et subjiciens me et mea, et præmissæ gratiæ corditer vos commendans. Script., etc.

843.

This indented schedule made between Dom William of Canterbury, Subprior of the Church of Christ Church of Canterbury, and Sir Arnold Savage, on behalf of the Priour and of the same Church, on the one part, and Sir John de Wynkfeld, on behalf of the Bailiffs and Commonalty of Ipswich, on the other part, witnesseth: that on Thursday being St. Andrew's day in the thirty-first year of the reign of King Edward the third after the conquest, in order to conclude a final peace between the said Prior and his free and unfree tenants and the aforesaid Bailiffs and Commonalty in the matter of disputes stirred between the said Bailiffs and Commonalty and certain of the free and unfree tenants of the

to allow the verdict of an inquisition to pass for the Prior; security being afterwards given on both sides to have the verdict affirmed and registered in a court of record.

" Priour, de ceo qe eux et touz tenants et resseants " qecunques dedeinz le fee le dit Priour en sa " seignure clamerent par tout destre quitez de tol- " nue en la dite ville de Gipewyz si bien des choses " marchandables come de autres achatez ou venduz " en mesme la ville, et ceo par title de prescripcion " en le droit de la Esglise avantdite, et dont plee " est pendant entre les avantditz, etc. en la Court " nostre Seignur le Roy, et sur travers de la dite " prescripcion se ont mys en pays; accorde est que " les ditz Baillifs, etc. ferront qe lenqueste qest ent a " prendre et autre en plee a quel le dit Priour " serra mesmes partie passeront pur le ditz Priour " [ses] tenantz et resseantz avantditz issint qe lestat " le dit Priour et le droit de sa Esglise avantdite " serra afferme, en manere com ils ont clamez, par " juggement rendu sur verdit, et estre ceo par fait " ent affaire des ditz Bailiffs, etc., par lavys du coun- " seil le dit Priour et le dit Monsire Johan, issint " qe mes debat ne soit en telle partie; et cestes " choses par emplez, le dit Priour paiera as ditz " Baillifs, etc. deux cents marcz, dont le dit Monsire " Johan (del assignement Mon tresdoute Seigneur le " Prince) paiera les l. marcz, les qels, oves les cents " livres du dit Priour, serront bailles en owele mayn, " a garder al oeps des ditz Baillifs, etc. de temps qe " lenqueste serra passez par *Nisi Prius* tanqe les " choses susditez serront affermez par juggement; et " en le terme de Seint Hillery proschein aveneir le " dit Monsire Johan portera garante suffisante des " ditz Baillifs, etc. et les ditz Suppriour [et] Monsire " Arnaud, ou un de eux, ou autre persone suffisaunte, " adonqes porteront garante du dit Priour, pur " affermer et assurer cestes choses pleynement en due " manere en touz poinz. En tesmoignance de qi as " cestes remembrances les parties susditez entre- " changeablement ont mys lour sealx. Done a Loun- " dres, en la grande Esglise de Seint Paul, les jour

said Prior by reason that they and all tenants both free and unfree living within the fee of the said Prior in his lordship claimed to be in all cases free of toll in the said town of Ipswich both for all merchandize as for other things bought or sold in the same town, and this by the prescriptive right of the said Church, concerning which claim a suit is pending between the aforesaid, &c. in the Court of our Lord the King, upon the denial of which prescription they have put themselves upon their country; it is agreed that the said Bailiffs, &c. shall procure that the inquisition which has to be taken in the matter and other parts of the suit to which the said Prior is a party shall be decided in favour of the said Prior and his free and unfree tenants aforesaid, in such a manner that the position of the said Prior and the right of his said Church shall be affirmed, as claimed by them, by a judgment delivered after verdict found, and this to be done by a deed to that intent to be executed by the said Bailiffs, &c., with consent of the counsel of the said Prior and of the said Sir John, so that there may never be farther dispute in this matter; and then, this having been done, the said Prior shall pay to the said Bailiffs, &c. two hundred marks, out of which the said Sir John (by direction of My Lord the Prince) shall pay fifty marks, which, with the hundred pounds of the said Prior, shall be lodged in an impartial hand, to retain to the use of the said Bailiffs, &c. from the time of the inquisition held by a writ of *Nisi Prius* until the aforesaid matters shall be secured by a judgment; and in the coming term of St. Hilary the said Sir John shall produce sufficient security for the said Bailiffs, &c., and the said Subprior and Sir Arnold, or one of them, or other sufficient person, shall then produce security for the said Prior for the full confirming and assuring of these matters in manner due in all points. In witness of which the abovenamed parties have interchangeably affixed their seals to these memoranda. Given at London, in the great church of St. Paul, on the day and year abovesaid.

"et an susditz." Promittimus insuper, etc. nos firmum, gratum, et ratum perpetuo habituros quicquid, etc. actum, etc. fuerit in præmissis, etc. Data in domo nostra Capitulari, sextodecimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini M°CCC^mo quinquagesimo septimo.

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28 Jan. 1356.

L. 89 *a*.

844.—Littera missa Domino Priori per Episcopum Wyntoniensem, pro consensu præbendo super ecclesiis inferius memoratis permutandis.

The Bishop of Winchester asks the Prior to consent to an exchange of a benefice with that of S. Vedast, London, which is in his patronage.

Domine et amice in Christo carissime, illam de vestra dilectione fiduciam gerimus, ut eidem pro hiis, quibus vitæ laudabilis et honestæ conversationis insignia suffragari percipimus, confidenter scribere valeamus. Hinc est, quod cum dilecti nobis in Christo Domini Johannis de Haverbergh, capellanus capellæ regiæ Westmonasterii et rector ecclesiæ de Sylchestre nostræ diœcesis, et Willelmus de Craneslee, rector ecclesiæ Sancti Vedasti Londoniensis, sua intendant beneficia hujusmodi, ex causis legitimis, quorum interest accedente consensu, adinvicem permutare; vestræ dilectionis paternitatem, quam votis nostris hactenus sensimus propensius inclinatam, suppliciter requirimus et rogamus, quatinus, nostra et eorundem clericorum desideria favorabiliter prosequentes, hujusmodi permutationi faciendæ benevolum dignemini præbere consensum, et dictum Dominum Johannem ad ecclesiam Sancti Vedasti prædictam, vestri patronatus ut dicitur, ex causa permutationis hujusmodi, vestris oportunis litteris eidem Domino Johanni vel ejus procuratori liberandis, graciose præsentare; significantes nobis vestra beneplacita, ad quæ fideliter exequenda offerimus nos paratos. Ad acceptæ Deo religionis augmentum

vos conservet Omnipotens incolumen et longævum. Scripta Londoniæ xxviij° die mensis Januarii.

Per Episcopum Wyntoniensem.

24 June 1356.

L. 49 *b*.

845.—[ACQUIETANCIA DE BONIS CUJUSDAM FELONIS.]

The Chapter acknowledge the receipt of a hundred shillings, being the goods of a felon found distributed among his friends. A homicide had been committed on a manor in the fee of the Chapter, and the goods on the conviction of the culprit became forfeited to the Lords. The King's pardon had been obtained, but still the manslayer was a convicted felon, and his goods subject to forfeiture.

Pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. recepimus de Johanne Lampsyn juniore, Stephano Chever, Simone Henry, Ricardo Cok, Stephano Cok, Johanne atte Smethe, Thoma Yngelot, Johanna quæ fuit uxor Roberti atte Smethe, Johanna Hever, et Simone filio ejus, et Agnete Wyse, de bonis et catallis Willelmi de Kyngesnode in manibus ipsorum Johannis, Stephani, et aliorum nuper existentibus, centum solidos sterlingorum, quos idem Willelmus, ut tenens noster et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, virtute libertatis Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, in manus nostros seisitos [1] nuper erga nos forisfecit, per mortem Thomæ Bealfrere apud Witrischesham per ipsum Willelmum felonice [2] interfecti; quam quidem feloniam, et sectam pacis suæ pro morte prædicta, Dominus Rex postmodum eidem Willelmo perdonavit per cartam suam sibi inde factam. De quibus centum solidis fatemur [3] nos esse pacatos, etc. In cujus, etc. Datum Cantuariæ die Veneris in festo Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ, anno regni regis Edwardi tertii, etc. xxx^mo^.

[1] *seisitus*, MS.
[2] *felonise*, MS.
[3] *fetemur*, M

1358. 846.—LITTERA WILLELMI BRAUNCHE DE ROBA ET ANNUA PENSIONE.

H. 96 *b*.

A livery gown and a pension granted for life in consideration of past services.

Universis, etc. Noverit, etc. nos concessisse, etc. Willelmo filio Johannis Braunche de Cantuaria, pro bono et laudabili servicio suo nobis impenso et infuturum, etc. impendendo, unam robam annuatim, tota vita sua, de secta hominum nostrorum de mester nobis, etc. deservencium in ambitum monasterii nostri Cantuariensis, et sex solidos et octo denarios annuæ pensionis, etc. annuatim percipiendos. In cujus, etc. anno Domini M°CCC° quinquagesimo octavo.

5 April 1358. 847.—[DE LIBERACIONIBUS CONCESSIS MAGISTRO JOHANNI DE ECCLESHALE, CANONICO LONDONIENSI.]

H. 96 *a*.

The Chapter grant board and lodging in the Monastery to one of their Counsel whenever he may come to Canterbury.

Noverint universi nos Robertum, etc. Priorem, etc. concessisse pro nobis et successoribus nostris Domino Johanni de Eccleshale Canonico Londoniensi, quociens personaliter fuerit in nostro monasterio, omnia et singula infrascripta, videlicet, competentem cameram infra ambitum nostri monasterii scituatam, ac pro persona sua congruam sustentacionem, juxta exigenciam status sui, in præsencia Prioris dictæ Ecclesiæ qui pro tempore fuerit, quociens idem Prior præsens extiterit in nostro monasterio, et in ejus absencia in Aula nostra hospitum in mensa sibi convenienti; et cum sencerit se infirmitate gravatum in camera sua hujusmodi, percipiendam et habendam, horis congruis, pacifice et quiete; necnon annuatim talem robam cum furrura qualem Dominus Johannes de Wyndesore, clericus noster, a nobis consuevit habere; ac competentem sustentacionem, ut in esculentis et poculentis, pro uno clerico suo vel valetto, et uno camerario suo, et uno garcione, in Aula nostra prædicta ad mensas convenientes eisdem. Concessimus insuper

pro nobis et successoribus nostris eidem Domino Johanni de Eccleshale quamdiu vixerit, quociens personaliter præsens fuerit in nostro monasterio, focalia et candelam sufficientes pro tempore moræ suæ inter nos, cum liberacione potacionum vespertinarum; concedentes ad stabulum præbendam, furragium, et ferraturam pro uno equo suo infra nostrum monasterium, nostris sumptibus et expensis, cum libero ingressu et egressu temporibus oportunis. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro, etc. v^to^ die mensis Aprilis anno Domini M°CCC^mo^ quinquagesimo octavo.

848.—LITTERA EXCUSATORIA DE NON VENIENDO AD CONSILIUM DOMINI REGIS. (1358.) L. 90 *b*.

A letter of excuse sent by the Prior, who is unable to attend Parliament in consequence of illness.

Reverende amice præcarissime, quia, in progressu nostro versus instans consilium Domini Regis, sumus in manerio nostro de Southchurch subito valitudine adversa præventus, propter quam nequimus, ut verisimiliter formidamus, eidem consilio interesse; vestram dilectionem attente rogamus quatinus dominum nostrum Dominum Wyntoniensem ex parte nostra instanter rogare velitis, ut, solitæ benignitatis affectu, dignetur nostram absentiam, non voluntariam aut affectatam, Domino nostro Regi, si opus fuerit, favorabiliter excusare. In majori nempe negotio ipsius domini nostri Wyntoniensis beneplacitis et præceptis ferventi desiderio parebimus, pro viribus, verbo et opere efficaci. Semper valeatis in prosperis per tempora feliciter successiva. Script. etc.

Consimilis littera directa fuit Episcopo Roffensi.

Consimilis littera directa Domino Johanni Wynewyk usque ad illa verba: *quatinus venerabilem virum Dominum Johannem Wynewik, etc.*, ut supra usque ad illud verbum: *excusare. In majori nempe negotio ipsius Domini Johannis votis ardenti desiderio complacebimus juxta vires. Semper valeatis etc., ut supra.*[1]

[1] The clerk appears here to have confused two forms; one, the excuse sent by Wynwk's hands to the Chancellor; the other, the power of attorney appointing Wynwyk to be the Prior's proxy in Parliament.

23 June (1358). L. 90 *b*.

849.—Littera missa per Dominum S. Archiepiscopum Domino Priori excusatoria de non veniendo ad ipsum propter citationem suam.

The Prior has declined an invitation from the Archbishop, pleading illness, and in consequence the Archbishop excuses him.

Fili in Domino præcarissime, dolemus graviter quod propter infirmitatem, quam nescivimus, vestram habebimus præsentiam excusatam; sed quia a voluntate divina neminem convenit discordere, de singulis circa nos gestis gratias agere debemus, et nos ad ejus laudem ferventius præparare. Velitis igitur sic vos debite regulare, ut utriusque vitæ prosperitas, non ex accidenti sed ex saniori consilio, vos sequatur. Et optabilem vitam vobis tribuat qui creavit. Scriptum apud Maghefeld xxiij. die Junii.

1 Sept. 1358. II. 93 *b*.

850.—De Hospitali de Eastbregge.

The Master of Eastbridge Hospital, in consideration of a sum of ready money paid down, grants to the person paying it a life annuity at the rate of nearly fourteen per cent. upon his advance:

Universis, etc. Thomas de Wolton, Magister seu Custos Hospitalis Sancti Thomæ de Eastbregge, etc. Noveritis me, de consensu venerabilis patris Domini Simonis Dei gratia, etc., patroni ejusdem hospitalis, pro sexaginta et quindecim libris sterlingorum, michi præ manibus, ad usum et commodum ejusdem hospitalis, solutis,[1] concessisse Roberto de Dentone, Capellano, per præsentes, quandam annuam pensionem decem librarum, percipiendam annuatim, ad totam vitam suam, de omnibus terris et tenementis ejusdem hospitalis in Comitatu Kanciæ, ad festa Sancti Michaelis, etc. æquis porcionibus solvendam, etc. etc. Concessi etiam eidem Roberto, ad totam vitam suam, per præsentes, usum et inhabitacionem cujusdam

[1] *salutis*, MS.

cameræ in dicto hospitali, die confectionis præsencium per me assignandam, in statu quo eam invenerit suis sumptibus custodiendam; et locum unum pro uno stabulo ædificando, infra cepta ipsius hospitalis, suis sumptibus et expensis, certo loco eodem die sibi assignando; cum libero ingressu et egressu ad ea et ab eis, quandocumque sibi placuerit. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ, primo die mensis Septembris, anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii tricesimo secundo,[1] etc.

and also a lease for life of a lodging and a site for a stable.

851.—LITTERA SUPPLICATORIA MISSA PER ABBATEM DE ABERBROTHOC DOMINIS PRIORI ET CONVENTUI PRO RELIQUIIS SANCTI THOMÆ HABENDIS, ETC. (1358.) L. 90 *a.*

Religionis eximiæ viris ac reverendis in Christo patribus, Domino Dei gratia Priori sacrosanctæ cathedralis ecclesiæ Cantuariensis in Anglia, et ejusdem loci Conventui venerando, vestri, si placet, pusilli Willelmus permissione divina Abbas Monasterii Sancti Thomæ, Martyris et Archipræsulis Cantuariensis, de Aberbrothoc, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Sancti Andreæ diœcesis, in Scotia, reverentiale honoris obsequium, et per vineæ laborem diurnum quietis æternæ premium promereri. Qui de Ægypto vineam transtulit et, ejectis gentibus, eam plantavit, generosas ejus propagines ad partes extendi voluit cismarinas, dum submotis secularibus intelligibilem de Cantuaria fecit vineam, in qua monachorum catervam [2] ordinis Sancti Benedicti, tanquam vites tipicas, plantare decrevit. Cantuariensis vero vinea, sub cultore laborioso Thoma beatissimo superius memorato, flores et fructus habunde protulit, qui honoris et honestatis dedere fraganciam tam

The Abbot of the Monastery of Arbroath (dedicated to Our Lady and St. Thomas of Canterbury) asks for a relic of St. Thomas.

[1] This deed is a ratification by the Chapter of a confirmation by the Archbishop of the grant, here given, of the Master of the Hospital. The forms of ratification and confirmation, being in the usual form, are omitted in this place.

[2] *catervans*, MS.

suavem, quod Willelmus illustris Rex Scociæ, præmisso Sancto Thoma contemporaneus et in caram amicitiam ipsius admissus, hausit exultanti spiritu confortantem [1] vineæ florentis odorem, quo in tantum refocillatus extitit, quique regis ipsius præcordiis ita tenaciter est infixus, quod audito Sancti obitu lamentabiles emisit voces, velut viduata turtur in vinea solatio solito sociali. Licet autem beatum pontificem a regis conspectu corporali permissa sors a Domino subtraxisset, tamen, sentita prius fragancia, mori defunctum non permisit coram oculis mentis vivi. Unde perhenne memoriale ad ejus honorem volens construere, Monasterium nostrum in regno suo Scociæ apud Aberbrothoc solempniter et devote fundavit, in vigilia Sancti Laurentii anno gratiæ Millesimo C^mo^LXXVIIJ^vo^, ad quod habitandum, ad decus Dei et Sancti Thomæ Cantuariensis, monachos ordinis Sancti Benedicti Monasterii Calcœnsis adduxit, quorum ibidem, usque hodie, Deo et Sancto Thomæ serviunt successores. Ergo reverendi patres et domini, cum vestra sublimitas et nostra simplicitas patronum et dominum habeant Sanctum Thomam, atque sub eadem regula utrique Domino militamus, connectat eos communis mutua caritas qui

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3 Jan. (1359). L. 91 *a*.

852.—Littera Domini Regis missa Domino Priori pro duobus chariotis optinendis pro cariagio suo versus partes Franciæ.

The Prior is asked to contribute two waggons for the transport ser-

De par le Roi.—Trescher en Dieu. Pur ceoqe le tretee de pees par entre nous et nostre adversaire de Fraunce est ja tout rompu, en defaute de nostre dit adversaire de sa partie, por quey nous avoms ordenez, sicom il nous convient par necessite, de

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[1] *confortancium*, MS.

sunt domestici unius domini, et eodem accinguntur balteo militari. Dignetur autem vestra sanctitas opus quodcumque nobis ostendere caritatis, reliquiarum Sancti Thomæ per latorem litterarum præsentium nobis mittendo particulam qualemcumque; de micis vestræ mensæ munificæ mitigando clementer esuriem catellorum. Valeat in æternum igitur vestra religio laude digna, et ita flammescat in Domino caritas quod ejus ardore proximi calefiant. Ceterum, ut vestra beatitudo præmissa petita libentius annuat, nec obsistat difficultas quin votis nostris hillariter acquiescat, non personam communem[1] plebeiam, sed nobilem virum, Dominum Thomam Byset dominum de Upsetlyngton, titulis miliciæ laudabiliter insignitum, ut nostras vobis præsentet has litteras et nobis vestri beneplaciti mittenda reportet, communicato consilio, duxerimus onerandum, cui entrantis expeditionis tanto graciosius ei januam reserandam, quanto, cum patrono nostro sortitus idem vocabulum, Sancto Thomæ devotionem, et suis ministris affectionem, semper hucusque non destitit exhibere. Iterum valeat exultans vestra sancta congregatio in eo qui semper adest medius in sui nomine congregatis.

852.

By the King.—Well beloved in God. Whereas the treaty of peace between us and our adversary of France is now entirely broken off, through the fault of our said adversary on his part, therefore we have determined, as of necessity it behoves us to do, to make a

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[1] *communis*, MS.

vice in the war with France.

passir forciblement as parties de dela, pur necessaire defense de nostre roialme, et pur nostre droit heritage recovrir, ove laide de nostre Seignur. Et par cele cause, il nous faut avoir tresgrande summe de cariage, si bien pur vitailles come pur autres choses busoignables pur nostre dit viage, nous vous prioms si cherement come plus pooms qe a ceste foiz vous nous vuillez aider de deux chariotes convenables, ove douze chivalx suffisauntz et tout lautre apparail appartinaunt a yceles, ensemblement ove oyt valletz et garceonns pur meismes les chariotes; sique nous les puissioms avoir prestament a Westmoustier a la Pasche prochein avenir saunz nulle defaute. Et nous facez certifier, par le portour de cestes et par voz lettres, de ce qe vous ferrez a ceste nostre requeste, quiele nous fesoms en ceste nostre grande necessite. Si vous prioms qe vous ne nous vuillez nullement faillir en ceste busoigne, car il nous semble qe nul de noz subgiz ne se doit feindre ne excuser en ce cas. Donez souz nostre prive seal a Westmoustier le iij[e] jour de Janiver.

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6 Jan. 1359.

H. 94 *a*.

853.—Manumissio Thomæ Palmer, sacerdotis.

The Archbishop manumits the son of one of his bondsmen who has obtained holy orders without having procured a license from his Lord, and the Chap-

Universis, etc. Robertus, *etc.* Prior, *etc.* salutem. Litteras patentes venerabilis patris Domini Simonis, *etc.* inspeximus in hæc verba: "Omnibus, *etc.* Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, *etc.* Cum per relacionem diversorum intelleximus, quod Dominus Thomas Palmere, rector ecclesiæ de Fouldon, filius erat Elani Palmere nativi nostri de Southram, et sacros ordines sine debita licencia recepit; ipsum Dominum Thomam coram nobis venire fecimus, qui, super hiis calumpniatus, se inde posuit in gratiam nostram. Nos vero, super ejus humilitate, et bona ejus conversacione quam de ipso

forcible invasion upon the other side, for the necessary defence of our realm and for the recovery of our rightful inheritance, by the help of Our Lord. And since from this cause it is needful for us to have at hand a large amount of transport, as well for provisions as for other necessaries for our said expedition, we beg you, as earnestly as ever we can, that on this occasion you will assist us with two suitable waggons, having twelve efficient horses and all the other apparatus belonging to them, together with eight drivers and grooms for the management of the same waggons; so that we may be able to have them ready at Westminster, without fail, at next Easter. And inform us, by the bearer of these and by letter, of what you will do in the matter of our present request, which we make in this our great need. So we pray that you will in no wise fail us in this matter, for it seems to us that no one of our subjects ought to practise evasion or to excuse himself in this case. Given, &c.

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audivimus moti, et sibi in hac parte inclinati, eidem Domino Thomæ omnimodas actiones et calumpnias villenagii et servitutis remisimus, et ipsum inde, quantum in nobis est, acquietamus imperpetuum, et statum suum sacerdotalem omnino liberum et quietum, pro nobis et successoribus nostris, acceptamus et confirmamus, per præsentes litteras nostras, sigillo nostro signatas. Data apud Maghefelde, vicesimo sexto die Januarii, anno Domini M°CCC^mo quinquagesimo octavo, *etc.*" Nos autem remissionem, *etc.* approbantes, *etc.* ratificamus. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi ultimo die Januarii, anno supradicto.

ter assent to the manumission.

24 Feb. (1359). 854.—Littera responsalis ad litteram prædictam.

L. 91 *a*.

The Prior promises to do his best towards providing the waggons demanded.

Tresnoble et tresredoute Seignur, vous plese savoir qe je resceu voz tresreverentz lettres y ce Samaday le xxiiij. jour de Feveryr, en les quieux fuist contenuz, qe je faisse purveaunce de deux chariotes ove douze chivalx suffisauntz, ove le tout entier apparaill appartinaunt a yceles, ove oyt valletz et garceonns pur meismes les chariotes; si qils soient prestz a Westmoustier a la Pasche proschein avenir. Tresnoble Seignur, plese a vostre treshaute seignurie entendre, qe je mettrey mentente et mon poair si avaunt com je puis ceste vostre volunte et commaundement, ove laide de Dieu, parfourmir, solonc le purport de voz graciousses lettres susdites. Escript a Cauntorbirs le xxiiij. jour de Feveryr susdit.

14 Mar. (1359). 855. — Littera Domini Regis transmissa Domino Priori super exoneratione unius chorioti de duobus chariotis supradictis.

L. 91 *a*.

The King, in consideration of the Prior's ready compliance, reduces his demand, and requires only one waggon.

De par le Roi.—Trescher en Dieu. Coment qe autrefoiz, par cause de la necessite qe nous avoms de cariage pur vitailles et autres choses busoignables pur nostre viage quel nous ferroms as parties de dela, pur defense de nostre roialme Dengleterre, et pur nostre droit heritage acquere, ove laide de nostre Seignur, vous priames, par noz lettres, de nous aider de deux chariotes convenables, et de douze chivalx suffisauntz, et lautre apparaill de y celes, ensemblement ove oyt valletz et garceonns pur meismes les chariotes, si qe nous les purrioms avoir a ceste proschein feste de Pasche; et sur ce vous nous avez bonement ottroiez nostre dite priere, dount nous vous mercioms si cherement com plus poom; nientmains, nous aiantz regard a vostre bone volunte en ce cas, et nient voillantz

854.

Most noble and most dread Lord, be pleased to know that I received your much-to-be-respected letters on this present Saturday the 24th day of February, in which there was contained that I should make provision of two waggons with twelve efficient horses and all the apparatus belonging to them, and with eight drivers and grooms for the conduct of the said waggons; in such manner that they may be ready at Westminster at the coming season of Easter. Most noble Lord, may it please your most exalted Lordship to understand that I will, with the help of God, apply all my energy and power to the performance of this your will and commandment, in accordance with the tenor of your above-mentioned gracious letters. Written, &c.

855.

By the King.—Well beloved in God. Whereas before this time on account of the need which we have of transport for provisions and other necessaries for our expedition which we are about to make to foreign parts, for the defence of our realm of England and for the acquisition of our rightful inheritance, by the help of God, we begged you by our letters to assist us with two suitable waggons and twelve efficient horses and all the other apparatus belonging to them, together with eight drivers and grooms for the conduct of the same waggons, so that we might have them by this next festival of Easter; and whereas you have hereupon liberally favoured our said request, for which we thank you as heartily as we possibly can; nevertheless, having regard to your good-will in this case, and being unwilling moreover

pur tant qe vous y soiez de plus chargez qe vous ne purrez bonement supporter, si nous agreoms bien a ceste foiz del une des dites chariotes ovesqe les chivalx et apparail appartinantz, ensemblement ove quatre vadlez et garceonns pur meisme la chariote, et vous tenoms escusez du remenant. Et pur ceo qe nostre passage est delaie par certeines causes taunqe apres la Pentecoste, si ne convient il mie qe la dite chariote nous viegne si hastiment come estoit ordine; einz vous prioms qe vous ordeignez qe nous eioms meismes la chariote ovesqe les chivalx et lautre apparail dycele, ensemblement ove iiij. vadlez et garceonns pur la dite chariote prestement a Westmoustier a la dite feste de Pentecoste, saunz defaute, et si vous ensaveroms especialement bon gree. Et nous vuillez certifier, souz vostre seal et par le portour de cestes noz lettres, du jour de la receu dyceles, et ce qe vous enferrez. Donez souz nostre prive seal a Westmoustier le xiiij. jour de Martz.

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18 Mar. (1359).

L. 91 *b*.

856.—LITTERA MISSA DOMINO PRIORI PER DOMINUM EXONIENSEM TANGENS VITAM BEATI THOMÆ MARTIRIS, ETC.

Bishop Grandison's grandiloquent letter, which accompanied a copy of his life of Becket, sent to the Prior of Christ Church for criticism.

In Christo frater, immo pater, et amice carissime. Cum apud vos, tam in scriniis ligniis quam thecis ligneis, almariis dico pectorum et pellibus pecorum, fontis eloquentia cœlestis ex paradisi fluminibus defluentis scientiis habundet omnibus et inundet, mirari non sufficio cur meum insulsum et insipidum stillicidium, immo stultiloquium, a guttis tamen dulcibus ex tectis vestris manentibus haustum, de supergloriosi martiris (vestri dicam an nostri?) Thomæ, (quinimmo verius et vestri et nostri) ortu, vita, et obitu, requiratis. Suspicari possem quod non modicum quid

that you should be charged with more than you can well bear, we, for this time, gladly accept one of the said waggons with the apparatus belonging to it, together with four drivers and grooms for the conduct of the same waggon, and we excuse you from all the rest. And since our voyage is postponed, for certain reasons, until after Whitsuntide, and so it is not convenient that the said waggon come to us so soon as was arranged, therefore we pray you to provide that we may have this same waggon with its horses and other apparatus, together with the four drivers and grooms for the same waggon, promptly at Westminster at the said feast of Whitsuntide, without fail, and we shall in consequence be grateful to you. And please to inform us, under your seal and by the bearer of these our letters, of the day of their reception, and of what you will do in this matter. Given, &c.

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insipientiæ meæ, quæ a vobis non est abscondita, et aliis nimis cognita, in testimonium contra me adducere cogitatis; absit tamen ab utroque tanta machinatio vel ymaginacio doli aut refrigerium caritatis, quin potius ex hoc unitatis vinculum fortius alligetur. Mitto itaque spicas meas, ex metentium manibus lapsas et pio furto subtractas, ut quæ in quodam epylogo et manipulo, sine tropis, seu thomis, vel faleris, ingressus, progressus, et egressus Martiris elucescant. Interim, cum vacaverit, inspecta epistolarum ejus, michi ex gratia vestra commendatarum, multitudine, quamcitius et securius potuero insigne volumen, cum debitis gratiarum actionibus, remittere non tardabo. Interim, oremus per invicem ut salvemur. Scriptum apud Chuddelegh xviij° die mensis Martii.

J. incultus cultor Ecclesiæ Exoniensis.

Karissime, timeo quod ex ignorantia dicantis indocti, vel ex negligentia scribentis, aut errore unius vel utriusque, non perfectæ intelligentiæ lima opusculum meum sit purgatum; unde vestram rogo prudentiam, quod velit corrigere corrupta et supplere defectiva pri-

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1359.

L 91 *b*.

The Prior promises to provide the one chariot in proper time.

857.—LITTERA RESPONSALIS AD LITTERAM REGIAM PROXIME PRÆSCRIPTAM.

Tresnoble et tresredoute Seignur, vous plese savoir qe je resceu voz graciousses lettres y ce Dymenge le viij. jour Daverill, par les quiels jay assez ouvertement entenduz, qe coment je avoy autrefoiz, a vostre commaundement, grauntez deux chariotes ove toute le apparail, pur la necessite de chariages pur vitailles et autres choses busoignables pur vostre viage as parties de dela, si me avez de vostre tresbone et tresgraciousse seignurie et consideracion del une des chariotes excusez, de quey je vous mercie si entierement com je sui sovereynement tenuz. Et plese a vostre treshaute seignurie entendre, qe je envoieroy une chariote a Westmoustier a la feste de la Pentecoste proschein avenir, ensemblement ove tout lapparail, solonc ceo qe voz dites tresreverentz lettres purportount. Escript a Cauntorbirs le Dymenge susdit.

Vostre humble Chapellein Priour de vostre Esglise de Cauntorbirs.

31 May 1359.

L. 91 *b*.

The Prior having demised some land

858. — LITTERA DIRECTA WILLELMO DE HATHFELDE PRO TERRIS SUBSCRIPTIS LIBERANDIS ROBERTO DE MERSH.

Salutz et bon amistez. Por ceo qe nous avoms grantez et lessez a Robert de Mersh vj. virges de terre et demie de nostre terre en Bretewell, cest

usquam aliis ostendatur; ut pudorem mittentis tegatis clamide caritatis, et benedictionem Seem et Japhet a vestro Noe capiatis, quam vobis tribuat cujus figuram primus Noe gessit.

Manu vestri J. Exoniensis.

857.

Most noble and most dread Lord, be pleased to know that I have received your gracious letters on this day, Sunday the 8th day of April, and by them I have sufficiently understood that, whereas I had formerly by your command consented to furnish two waggons with all their fittings, to supply your need of transport for provisions and other necessaries for your expedition to foreign parts, so you have, of your most kind and most gracious lordship and consideration, excused me from providing one of these waggons, for which I thank you as unfeignedly as I am supremely bound to do. And may it please your most exalted Lordship to understand that I will send a waggon to Westminster by the coming feast of Whitsuntide, together with all its apparatus, in accordance with the purport of your said much-to-be-respected letters. Written, &c.

858.

Greeting and true friendship. Whereas we have granted and leased to Robert at the Marsh six rods and a half of our land at Brightwell; that is to say, two

Bright-well (Oxon) to a free tenant, requires his official to enter the demise upon the roll of the manor-court.

assavoir, deux virges de terre qe Robert Badekoc tient, Newemansland, Proudesland, Bonebrekesland, Hobbesherteslond, et Capeyeslond, a tenir de nous les dites terres tanqe nous puissoms bailler meismes les terres as ascuns autres tenauntz illeoqes a tenir solonc le ussage du manoir, fesaunt le dit Robert dan en an pur les terres susdites les overeynes ussueles et custumes a nostre manoir de Newenton pur toutes maneres de services; vous maundoms, empriantz qe nostre grant susdit facez enrouller, et a dit Robert les dites terres liverer solonc le purport de cestes noz lettres. Escript a Cauntorbirs le darrein jour de May, lan du regne le Roy Edward tiers apres le conqueste xxxiij.

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4 June 1359.

L. 51 *a*.

859.—De corrodio dato et concesso Thomæ de Wodelond, ad custodiendum porcariam, una cum aliis, in Domo Dei Dovoriensi.

A formal commission, appointing a servant, to do all the odd jobs of the House, given by the Master of the Domus Dei of Dover.

Hæc indentura testatur quod ita convenit inter Fratrem Simonem, Magistrum Domus Dei de Dovoria, et ejusdem loci confratres, ex parte una, et Thomam Wodelonde ex altera: videlicet, quod prædicti Magister et confratres, unanimi assensu et voluntate, dederunt et concesserunt præfato Thomæ moram suam in prædicta domo, juxta portam aquaticum, ad illam portam custodiendam, et ad serviendum eis in pistrino cum necesse fuerit, et ad custodiendum porcariam infra septa prædictæ domus, ac etiam ad faciendum omnia alia servitia, tam infra clausum quam extra, secundum posse suum, a festo Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuro post datum præsentium quamdiu idem Thomas potest laborare sive deservire. Habebitque idem Thomas quoddam corrodium in prædicta domo, et deservietur eidem mensa in cibariis prout decet pro tali officio; percipietque idem Thomas annuatim de

rods of land which Robert Badcock held, (namely) Newman's land, Proude's land, Bonebreaker's land, Hobby Hart's land, and Capeye's land, to hold from us the said lands until we may be able to deliver the same lands to some other of our tenants there, to hold according to the custom of the manor, the said Robert performing from year to year for the said land the services usual and customary in our manor of Newington for all manner of dues; we command you and request you to cause our aforesaid grant to be enrolled, and the said lands delivered to the said Robert according to the purport of these our letters. Written, &c.

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prædicta domo sex solidos et octo denarios, pro servitio suo quamdiu potest laborare. Et si contingat prædictum Thomam in tantam ægritudinem incidere, quod spes convalescentiæ non habetur, tunc prædictus Thomas habebit mansum suum extra limites domus sumptibus suis propriis, et percipiet cotidie, ad terminum vitæ suæ, unum panem, et unam lagenam serevisiæ, et esculenta prout decet pro tali laboratore.[1] Habebitque idem Thomas quolibet anno unum porcellum. Ad quæ omnia et singula præmissa bene et fideliter facienda et tenenda, tam prædictus Magister et confratres, quam prædictus Thomas obligant se et omnia bona sua mobilia et immobilia; huic præsenti scripto, penes prædictum Thomam remanenti, prædicti Magister et confratres sigillum eorum commune apposuerunt. Datum Dovoriæ die Martis proximo post festum Sanctæ Petronillæ Virginis, anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii post conquestum tricesimo tertio, regni vero sui Franciæ vicesimo.

[1] *laborare*, MS.

23 Sept. (1359). L. 92 *a*.

860.—Littera missa Domino Principi de centum marcis sibi acomodatis.

The Prince of Wales has twice asked for a loan, which, as the Prior reports, he has provided.

Treshonurez Seignur, plese a vostre tresgraciousse seignurie savoir qe je resceu voz lettres ove une credence, par Johan Pecche, y ce Mekerdy derrein passez, pur certeignes busoignes qe vous aviez pris a cuer; al quel jour, en bon foy, je navoy mye les choses prestes des queles il menparla, mais puis jeo may cheviz ove mes amys, issint qe je les avci prestes y ce Samady proschein passez, al quiel jour je resceuz vos autres lettres par le dit Johan pur les choses susdites, a qi jay deliverez les dites choses pleinement, solonc ce qe fuist continuz en voz dites lettres et credence. Mon treshonurable Seignur, vous plese savoir qe mon tresreverent Seignur le Roy, vostre piere, fist son pelrinage y ce Samady a Seint Thomas proschein passez, et je espoir qe vous visiterez le dit corps seint avant vostre passier; pur quey humblement vous requir sil vous plest de moy certifier de vostre venue. A Dieu mon treshonurez Seignur, qi vous donit joye de quanqe vous amez, et de bien esploiter toutes voz busoignes. Escript a Cantorbirs y ce Lundy le xxiij. jour de Septembre.

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9 Nov. (1359). L. 92 *a*.

861.—Littera transmissa per Dominum Archiepiscopum Suppriori et Capitulo pro Fratre M. et pro hujusmodi negotio.

A monk whose studies have been interrupted wishes

Filii in Domino præcarissimi. Tractavimus cum Fratre Michaele, confratre nostro communi, qui supponit se humiliter votis vestris, ut labores scolasticos subeat,[1] et actus sibi congruos expediat, prout vobis

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[1] *subiat*, MS.

860.

Much honoured Lord, may it please your very gracious Lordship to know that I received your letters, with one of credence, by John Pecche, on Wednesday last, treating of certain matters which you have at heart; on which day, in faith, I had not at hand what you spoke of, but since then I have drawn upon my friends, so that I had it ready by last Saturday, on which day I received your second letters, by the said John, on the same subject; to whom I have delivered in full the things spoken of, as was contained in your said letters and letter of credence. My right honourable Lord, may it please you to know that my most reverend Lord the King your father made his pilgrimage to Saint Thomas on Saturday last, and I have a hope that you yourself may visit the said holy body before your transit; wherefore I humbly beg you, if it please you, to give me notice of your coming. Most honoured Lord, may God keep you, and give you pleasure in all that you love, and a good success in all your undertakings.

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rationabiliter videbitur faciendum; conjicimus tamen quod temporis discontinuatio animum suum nimis tabefecit, sed credimus firmiter quod ferventior diligentia breviter departita restaurabit. Quamobrem specialissime vos rogamus quatinus eundem fratrem ad universitatis studium redire quantocius faciatis; ut sic honor Ecclesiæ nostræ per ejus expeditionem prosperam augeatur, vobisque, debitum vestrum facientibus, ad gratiarum actiones uberius teneamur. In caritate perfecta confirmet vos Trinitas sancta. Scripta apud

to resume them, and the Archbishop asks the Prior to allow him to do so.

Charyngg ix[no] die Novembris. Rescribatis insuper nobis super hoc quamcitius poteritis vota vestra.

9 Nov. (1359). L. 92 *a*.

862.—Littera missa Domino Priori Cantuariensi per Dominum S. Archiepiscopum super recommendatione Fratris Michaelis de Cornubia, et quod destinetur ad scolas quambrevius poterit pro honore Ecclesiæ.

A letter in all respects similar to the preceding.

Fili in Domino præcarissime. Recommendo vobis specialiter fratrem nostrum communem Michaelem, præsentium portitorem providum, inquam virum simplicem atque pium, atque vestrum honorem sinceriter diligentem, qui libenter se conformabit votis vestris, et se subjiciet laboribus scolasticis, ob honorem Ecclesiæ, quantum sua possibilitas exiget et requiret: Et

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(1360.)

863.—[De cantaria Domini Principis.]

L. 59 *b*.

A member of the Black Prince's household asks the Prior to appoint a day for a meeting to settle the chantry which the Prince proposes to found.

Treshonure Sire. Porceoqe Sire Peres de Lacy et moi vioms destre a Cauntorbirs ceste Mekerdi proschein, pur le demise de la chauntrie ordene par mon tresredoute Seignur le Prince deinz vostre Esglise illoqes, quele chose ne purra estre en effecte mis saunz vostre presence a la demission; requere a vous, Sire, qe vous moi voillez certifier si vous purrez meisme le jour estre illoqes, ou lendemeyn; et, Sire, si ascun bon mason soit pres en pais, de qui vous avez conisaunce, qi vodra cele overaigne fair, pur qui vous plese maunder meisme le jour y estre. Le Seint Esprit vous ottroie[1] en honur a[2] lunge durree. Escript a Loundres le xiij. jour de Novembre.

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[1] *utoroie*, MS. | [2] *a* is superfluous.

revera fili dilectissime, dampnum nimis magnum foret si tantæ habilitatis sufficientia in claustro abscondita remaneret. Quamobrem specialissime vos rogamus, quatinus, hominum relata nequaquam ponderantes, quæ forte cum sinceritate clara minime processerunt, velitis eundem fratrem ad exercitium studii quambrevius poteritis, pro honoris Ecclesiæ nostræ augmento, durante præsenti termino, destinare; ut eo citius recuperet jam amissa quo ejus redditus celerior habeatur; et hoc sicut de vobis confidimus nullatenus omittatis; rescribentes nobis quid super hoc duxeritis faciendum. Capitulo insuper nostro super hoc scribimus seriose. Qui sanat languidos ad salutem prosperam vos reducat. Super apud Charyngg ix^{no} die Novembris. Ora pro me Frater.

863.

Most honoured Lord. Whereas Sir Peter de Lacy and I intend to be at Canterbury on next Wednesday, for the establishment of the chantry founded by our most dread Lord the Prince within your church there; which thing cannot be effected without your presence at the ceremony; I beg you, my Lord, that you will inform me if you can be there on that day or the next. And, my Lord, if there be any good mason at hand in those parts, in whom you have confidence, who would be willing to undertake this work, please to send to him to be there on that day. May the Holy Spirit grant you long continuance in honour. Written, &c.

(1360.) L. 59 *b*.

864.—Littera missa Domino Principi per Episcopum Wyntoniensem, pro heredibus Magistri W. de Bradele, quod justitia fiat eisdem.

The next heir of a deceased clerk who held land under the Chapter of Canterbury is a native of Winchester, and, provided with official proofs of her identity, has applied for admission to these lands, but has not obtained it. The Bishop of Win-

Reverende domine et amice præcarissime. Proborum et fide valentium jam tarde[1] audivimus per relationem, quod Magister Willelmus de Bradele, nuper clericus Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, amicus vester dum vixit intimus, cujus animæ propitietur Deus, certas terras et tenementa, infra dominium vestrum et Domini Rogerii de Northwode militis existentia, sibi et heredibus suis adquisivit, relinquens post se heredem sibi proximiorem Aliciam Cacchelove, neptem suam, in civitate nostra Wyntoniensi oriundam; et licet ipsa Alicia, quæ consanguinea et heres Magistri Willelmi in partibus nostris Wyntoniensibus communiter reputatur, cum litteris testimonialibus Majoris et Communitatis civitatis nostræ prædictæ ad præmissa probanda, ad vestri et præfati Domini Rogerii præsentiam, non absque gravibus labore et expensis

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2 May (1360). L. 59 *b*.

865.—Littera supplicatoria pro clerico præsentando ad ecclesiam Sancti Michaelis Londoniæ.

Some great man (not improbably the Prince of Wales) asks the Prior to give him the next presentation to St. Michael's,

Honurs et reverences. Threscher Sire, porce qe jai entendu qe la esglise de Seint Michel de Londres en la Croketlane est voide, ou toust serra come homme se pense, si vous prie cherement de cuer, qe vous plese granter a un de mes clercs une presentement, en cas qensi soit qe la dite esglise se voide, et sur ce procurer a Covent de lour volunte tochaunt la dite matiere ce qe lour plese faire. De vostre

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[1] *tardè* in these letters always has the sense of *lately*.

nuper personaliter accessisset, vos tamen hujusmodi terras in dominio vestro existentes, quæ sibi accidere deberent jure hæreditario, ut præmittitur, restituere, ut asseritur, non curastis; licet idem Dominus Rogerius, hujusmodi litteris visis et inspectis, terras et tenementa in dominio suo situata, sub forma consimili adquisita, præfatæ Aliciæ, ut heredi dicti Magistri Willelmi, restituerat sine mora. Et quia, contemplatione ejusdem Magistri Willelmi, commodum et honorem parentelæ suæ majori desiderio affectamus, vestram amicitiam et reverentiam requirimus, et rogamus obnixe, quatinus, præmissis per vos debite ponderatis, eidem Aliciæ, quæ ad præsentiam vestram iterato et ex habundanti cum hujusmodi litteris testimonialibus accedit, in suis agendis coram vobis antedictis sitis favorabiles, et benignius justitiam cum favore in ea parte, si libeat, sibi fieri præcipiendo, absque tamen præjudicio juris prioratus vestri, caritatis intuitu, ac nostri rogaminis interventu. Ad regimen gregis vobis commissi et munimen Omnipotens vos jugiter tueatur. Scriptum apud Farnham viij^vo^ die Novembris.

chester here presses for her admission.

865.

Honour and reverence. Very dear Lord, whereas I have learnt that the church of St. Michael in Crooked Lane, London, is vacant, or as it is believed soon will be; therefore I earnestly pray you from my heart that you will be pleased to give the presentation to one of my clerks, in case the said church should become vacant; and moreover ascertain from the Convent what is their will in this matter as to what they will do. Very dear

Crooked Lane, for one of his clerks.

volunte, trescher sire, me voillez sertifier par le portour de y cestes; et, Sire, si rienz soit qe faire puisse me voillez maunder, et je la ferra de bon cuer solonc mon poiar. Trescher Sire, le lui Seint Esprit soit garde de vous, et vous ottroie[1] bone vie et longe. Escrit a Loundres le seconde jour de May. Trescher Sire, ceste ma requeste vous plese graunter a quel de mes clers je peense nomer.

(1360.) L. 47 *a*.

866.—Littera missa pro pecunia providenda et mittenda ad certum locum pro negotiis, etc.

The Convent, pressed for ready money, require the lessee of their Essex manors to pay over all the rent he owes to the clerk of the *Custos Maneriorum*, who is prepared to give a tally by way of receipt.

Salutz et chers amistez. Pur ceo qe nous avons mester dargent pur un paiement qil nous faut faire hastiement a Loundres as certeignes gentz, et pur la disme ore grantez a nostre Seignur le Roi vous chargeoms, empriant quant com nous plus pooms, qe largent qe vous nous devez, qest aderere de nostre ferme de noz manoirs de Bockyngg, Stistede, et Merseye, del an passez, vuillez bailler al clerk nostre Gardien, portour de cestes; fesant entre vous et lui une taille de la deliveraunce; et en cas qe vous navez mye le dit argent prest de servir le dit portour, qe, saunz nulle excusacion ou delaye mettre, facez purveaunce ou chevaunce del dit argent, et lenvoiez a la mesoun Johan Lytle en Loundres, issint qil soit illeoqes prest ala xv^{ne} de Seint Hillary prochein avenir [au] plustard. Et ceste chose lessez en nulle manere com vous amez entierement nostre honur.

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[1] *sutroie*, MS.

Lord, please to inform me of your will by the bearer of these; and, my Lord, if there be anything I can do, please to send me word, and I will do it with all my heart to the best of my power. Very dear Lord, may the Holy Spirit be your protector, and grant you a good and a long life. Written at London, the second day of May. Very dear Lord, please grant this my request in favour of any one of my clerks whom I may think fit to nominate.

866.

Greeting and close friendship. Whereas we have need of money, for a payment which we must make at once to certain people at London, and for the tenth now granted to our Lord the King, we charge you, beseeching you all that we can, that you will please to deliver to the clerk of our Warden (of our Manors), bearer of these, the money you owe us, which is behind in the payment of our rent of our manors of Bocking, Stisted, and Mersey, making a tally of the delivery between you and him; and should you not have the said money ready to pay the said bearer, then, that, without interposing any excuse or delay, you raise the same money by sale or loan, and send it to the house of John Lytle in London, so that it may be there ready in the quindene of St. Hilary next coming at the very latest. And this thing in no manner neglect as you truly love our honour.

9 May 1360.
L. 46 *a*.

867.—Obligatorium Prioris et Conventus factum mercatori pro frumento et brasio emptis ad opus eorundem.

The Convent, having bought corn from a dealer at Lynn, give him a bill

Pateat universis, etc. quod nos Robertus permissione divina Prior, etc. tenemur, et per præsens scriptum obligamur, Johanni Lomb, burgensi Lennensi, in l. libris sterlingorum, pro frumento et brasio ab ipso emptis et receptis, solvendis eidem Johanni, vel suo

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8 Sept. 1360.
L. 48 *a*.

868.—Commissio.

Warrant given to a sub-bailiff to collect small rents in a district in the Weald.

As toutz y ceux qi cestes lettres verront ou orrount, Robert, etc. Prior, etc. Sachez nous avoir ordinez et assignes nostre bien amez Thomas Jan de Bedynden nostre baylif de levier et coillier nostre rente del yoke de Thevesdenne, respondaunt de y cele a nostre bedel de nostre manoir de Chert. Donantz a dit Thomas plein poair, par y cestes, destreindre toutz noz tenantz del yoke susdit, etc. Donez a Cantorbirs en la feste de la Nativite Nostre Dame, lan du regne le Roy Edward tiers apres le conqueste trentisme quart.

(1360.)
L. 46 *b*.

869.—Littera missa Domino S. Archiepiscopo per Dominum Priorem, super revocatione, seu saltem modificatione rationibili, facienda super quibusdam injunctionibus infrascriptis factis in visitatione sua, contra solitum morem et consuetudinem Monasterii.

The Chapter complain that

Reverendo in Christo patri et domino, Domino Simoni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc.

in hac parte certo attornato hoc scriptum ostendenti, apud Cantuariam die Nativitatis Sancti Johannis Baptistæ proximo futuro post diem confectionis præsentium, vel infra tres dies proximos sequentes sine ulteriori dilatione. Ad quam quidem solutionem faciendam obligamus nos, etc. In cujus rei, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi nono die mensis Maii anno regni Regis E. tertii post conquestum tricesimo quarto. at six weeks in payment.

868.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert, &c. Prior, &c. Know ye that we have appointed and assigned our well beloved Thomas Jan of Biddenden to be our bailiff for levying and collecting our rent from the yoke of Thevesdenne, he being answerable therefor to our Bedel of our manor of (Great) Chart. Giving to the same Thomas by these presents full power of distraining upon our tenants of the yoke aforesaid. Given, &c.

Prior Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis, obedientiam tanto patri debitam, cum honore. Vestræ paternitati ac dominationi reverendæ ne displiceat, quod quibusdam injunctionibus infrascriptis, de quibus in vestris litteris reverendis nobis directis plenius continetur, absque Ecclesiæ nostræ successorumque nostrorum et nostro gravi præjudicio, non poterimus consentire; set ad ipsarum revocationem, seu saltem modificationem rationabilem per vos vel alium ad quem hoc the Archbishop, in his visitation, has enjoined some things at variance with the liberties of the monastery, and encroaching on their

right to manage their own domestic affairs; they therefore ask him to withdraw, or at least to modify these injunctions.

pertinere potuerit, nostris remediis quibus possimus intendimus laborare; firmiter sperantes, propter juris nostri executionem, vestram reverendam paternitatem minime offensuri. In primis: videlicet, quod, contra solitum morem et consuetudinem nostri Monasterii hactenus usitatam, onerare intenditis singulos confratres nostros Custodes maneriorum nostrorum, singulis annis in Scaccario nostro reddere rationes; cum non ipsi custodes, set ballivi et præpositi sub ipsis custodibus, et per ipsos deputati, hujusmodi ratiocinium et compotum reddere solebant et tenentur. Item: in ea parte injunctionum vestrarum, qua injungitur quod quisque confratrum nostrorum [qui] ad custodiam maneriorum, in dictis litteris vestris descriptorum, de consensu Capituli præficiatur, sine ejusdem consensu ab eodem officio nullatenus amovendus; et in eadem injunctione subjungitur, quod remotio hujusmodi præfectorum seu præficiendorum non procedat absque sufficienti et legitima causa capitulariter exposita, et per ipsum Capitulum approbata, vel per majorem et seniorem partem ejusdem, quod observari injungitis in nostris aliis officiis deputatis seu deputandis; quam quidem injunctionem, salva reverentia tanti patris, fore nimis a jure dissonam, et juri ac consuetudini nostri Monasterii obviantem reputamus. Est enim juris ut intelleximus quod commissio hujusmodi officiariorum et ministrorum, ac præfectio necnon præficiendorum remotio, in nostra libera dispositione de jure existunt, saltem, causa rationabili subsistente duntaxat, nostro arbitrio relinquendæ; quod tamen de consuetudine dicti Monasterii solet observari et restringi, habito et consensu aliquorum confratrum nostrorum seniorum ad hoc ad Scaccarium nostrum convocandorum, præfectionibus supprioris, cantoris, sacristæ, celerarii, et camerarii, dicti nostri monasterii, et trium servientium in eodem, dapiferi, videlicet, et duorum janitorum exceptis; de quibus in litteris

apertis inde confectis continetur. Item in ea parte minationum vestrarum qua cavetur, quod nullus tractatus circa negotia Monasterii nostri habendus nisi in præsentia sexdecim confratrum nostrorum haberetur, nobis visum est jus et parvitatem nostram nimis per hoc fore restrictam, cum nostræ voluntatis existat, juxta naturam, qualitatem, et exigentiam hujusmodi negotiorum et tractatuum, aliquando plures, et aliquando numero minores seu pauciores, ad hujusmodi tractatum, prout nobis videbitur, convocare, tam de jure quam de consuetudine Monasterii nostri supradicti. Item: in alia parte injunctionum vestrarum vidimus contineri, quod amoti custodes seu officiarii nostri Monasterii dimittant custodibus et officiariis deputandis seu subrogandis equos cum pertinentiis, et alia pecora, staurum, rationes, rotulos, evidentias, pecuniam omnem ex ipso officio præcollectam, ac cetera necessaria custodiæ et officio hujusmodi, absque aliqua retentione, protunc plenius instruantur, quam quidem parvitatem nobis, et Priori dicti monasterii qui pro tempore fuerit, vobis intenditis, si vobis et hujusmodi vestræ injunctioni debite non resistetur, ascribere, attribuere, et competere in futurum; nostræ non existit voluntatis vel consensus eidem injunctioni aliqualiter condescendere vel etiam consentire. Scientes, si placet, quod in præmissis, et aliis consimilibus et adversis, pericula quæcumque quæ inde pervenire potuerint prævidimus, et provideri intendimus pro tempore nostro absque minutione quacumque. Item: cum in subscriptis injunctionibus nobis in litteris vestris directis per nos certificari velitis ad quantum redditus et subventiones Monasterii nostri solebant communibus annis [attinere], et quantum Domus nostra solebat communibus annis expendere; ut vobis liquere posset quantum Prior, quantum Celerarius, quantum Camerarius, ante pestilentiam seu post communiter expendebant; item: ad

quantum possent junctis ecclesia nostra non poterat supportare[1]? Paternitati vestræ reverendæ, cum reverentia qua decet, sic duximus respondendum ad præmissa: quod nec de spiritualibus nec de temporalibus bonis nostris non solebant prædecessores nostri in aliquo respondere, set monitiones prædecessorum vestrorum in hiis et consimilibus, excitati jure suo, adimplere; quas quidem monitiones vestras, nobis in hac parte factas, infra breve tempus perficere et adimplere intendimus quatenus possimus, Domino concedente. Unde vestram paternitatem rogamus et requirimus reverenter, quatinus dictas monitiones in quampluribus suis partibus, Ecclesiæ nostræ et successoribus nostris et nobis nimium præjudicantes, dignemini revocare, seu, saltim quoad censuras per vos comminatas, supersedere, quousque inter vos et nos potuerit super præmissis plenius et consultius ordinari. Ad vestræ Ecclesiæ sanctæ regimen et munimen vos conservet gratia Salvatoris.

(1360.) L. 44 *a*.

870.—PETITIO DOMINI REGIS ANGLIÆ DIRIGENDA DOMINO PAPÆ CONCERNENS GENERALE CAPITULUM NIGRORUM MONACHORUM QUÆ FACTA FUIT PER FRATREM RICARDUM VACHAN MONACHUM ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI CANTUARIENSIS.

A draft of a petition drawn up with a view to its presentation to the Holy See, after receiving the

Significat sanctitati vestræ filius vester Edwardus Rex Angliæ, quod progenitores sui, Reges Angliæ, et ipse ab Archiepiscopo Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis qui pro tempore fuit, sede archiepiscopali plena, et, ipsa vacante eorum aliqui auctoritate Prioris dictæ Ecclesiæ qui pro tempore fuit et ejusdem loci Capitulum, ab antiquo sacram unctionem et coronam regiam receperunt; ac

[1] The clerk seems to have omitted some essential words at this place.

omnis et omnimoda jurisdictio spiritualis in tota provincia Cantuariensi competens dicto Archiepiscopo prædicta sede plena, eadem vacante ad ipsos Priorem et Capitulum dignoscitur pertinere; quorum etiam auctoritate Electi xvij. Ecclesiarum suffraganearum Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis sunt, vacatione hujusmodi durante, confirmandi ac etiam consecrandi; quodque Ecclesia Cantuariensis est provincialis, legationis etiam Sedis Apostolicæ dignitate a jure insignita. Cujus Ecclesiæ Prior hujusmodi, præmissorum intuitu, nunquam in aliquo Capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum ordinis Sancti Benedicti in Anglia hactenus celebrato comparuit quovismodo. Et sicut Ecclesia Cantuariensis, gloriosi martyris Beati Thomæ pretioso sanguine decorata, inter alias ecclesias Angliæ est excellentioris nominis et honoris, et eas præeminet dignitate, sic[1] decet quod Ecclesia Cantuariensis et ipsius Prior et Capitulum prærogativis ampliorum favorum et gratiarum, largitione apostolica, merito perfruantur; quare supplicat sancitati vestræ idem Rex humiliter et devote, quatinus, præmissa redducentes ad exactæ considerationis examen, eisdem Priori et Capitulo, quod idem Prior ad citationem, præmunitionem, vel mandatum Capitulorum provincialium hujusmodi, aut eisdem præsidentium quorumcumque, seu alterius cujuscumque, comparere in Capitulis provincialibus, [vel] transmittere aliquem ad dicta Capitula provincialia minime teneantur; et quod ab omni et omnimoda subjectione, jurisdictione, et potestate dictorum Capitulorum provincialium, et quorumcumque præsidentium eisdem, sint imperpetuum liberi et immunes, dignetur indulgere, *cum omnibus non obstante et clausulis oportunis.*

King's seal. By it a protest is made against the claim of the Presidents of a Provincial Chapter of the Benedictine Order, who assumed a right of summoning the Prior of Christ Church to their Chapter.

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[1] *sicut*, MS.

1360. L. 44 *a*.

871.—Alia petitio regia facta per Magistrum Johannem de Letch et J. Barnet.

An alternative form of petition, on the same subject as the preceding.

Significat sanctitati vestræ devotus filius vester Edwardus Rex Angliæ, quod progenitores sui, reges Angliæ, ab Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi qui pro tempore fuit archiepiscopali sede plena, et ipsa vacante auctoritate Prioris Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis pro tempore existentis et Capituli ejusdem, ab antiquo sacram unctionem et coronam regiam susceperunt, et nos ipsi suscepimus juxta morem; propter quod Archiepiscopum, Priorem, et Capitulum, dictæ Ecclesiæ amplioris favoris præsidio cupimus honorari. Quodque dicta Ecclesia provincialis [est], et legationis Apostolicæ Sedis fruitur dignitate, cujus prætextu, ipsius Ecclesiæ Archiepiscopus, quotiens aliqua inter dictos Priorem et Capitulum et in ipsis emerserunt correctione aut reformatione digna, ea efficacius et liberius quam episcopi aliarum ecclesiarum regularium cathedralium regni sui corrigit et reformat; quorum intuitu Prior dictæ Ecclesiæ nunquam in Capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum ordinis Sancti Be-

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10 Dec. 1360. L. 48 *b*.

872.—Littera Domini Regis tangens Generale Capitulum.

The Abbot of St. Albans, one of the Presidents of the Provincial Chapter of the Benedictine Order in England, warned by

Edward par la grace de Dieu Roi Dengleterre, etc a nostre cher en Dieu Labbe de Seint Auban, salutz. Nadgaires, par noz autres lettres envoiees a vous et autres presedentz du Chapitre General des Religious de lordre de Seint Benet en Engleterre, vous mandasmes, pur certeines causes expressees en noz dites lettres, qe par vertue dune bulle purchacee de Lapostoil a vostre petition et nemie par commun assent des autres prelats du dit ordre, vous ne feissez citation

nedicti in Anglia hactenus celebrato comparuit ullo modo. Unde si nunc dictus Prior, contra solitam dictæ Ecclesiæ libertatem, virtute cujusdam declarationis, vestræ sanctitatis auctoritate super hoc nuper factæ, dicto Capitulo subjici et in eodem comparere, sicut et ceteri priores ecclesiarum regularium cathedralium dicti regni, deberet, discentiones et discordiæ multaque pericula et incommoda possent exinde verisimiliter pervenire, necnon graves expensæ fierent et inanes. Quare supplicat sanctitati vestræ idem Rex humiliter et devote, quatinus, pro bono pacis et concordiæ, et ut dictis malis vestræ paternæ sollicitudinis providentia felicius occurratur, ut Prior dictæ Ecclesiæ et ipsius successores ab omnimodis subjectione, jurisdictione, et potestate, dicti Capituli et præsidentum eidem exempti et liberi sint perpetuo et immunes, privilegialiter dignemini indulgere; dictamque declarationem hic habere per expressa, et ea ac aliis quibuscunque constitutionibus dicti ordinis et aliis in contrarium editis non obstantibus, *ac cum aliis omnibus non obstantibus, et clausulis oportunis, et sine alia lectione.*

872.

Edward, &c. to our beloved in God the Abbot of St. Albans, greeting. We lately sent word to you by our letters (addressed to you and the other presidents of the General Chapter of the monks of the order of St. Benedict in England) for certain reasons, expressed in our said letters, that by virtue of a bull procured from the Pope, upon your petition and by no means by the common assent of the other prelates of the said order, you should not issue any citation to the said Prior, nor

the King to take no steps to procure the attendance of the Prior of Christ Church at the Chapter, has promised to stay process until the King's return to England (after concluding the peace of Bretigny). The King, however, learning that the Abbot has agents at the Curia, requires that he shall instruct them also to suspend all proceedings.

au dit Priour ne proces envers lui, par cause de sa noncomparicion devant vous au dit Chapitre, tanqe a nostre revenue de Cales, qe nous purrems avoir nostre Conseil pardeça, devant queux nous avions ordene qe la busoigne serroit discusse sanz autre plee ou costages faire dune part ou dautre ; sur quoi vous nous avez signifie, qe, a la reverence de nous, vous avez lessez de faire nulle citation au dit Priour par cause de sa noncomparicion avantdite, et qe la chose est toute mise en suspense, tanqe a certeyn jour apres la feste de Pasques accorde parentre vous et lui, dont nous agreeons bien. Mes parce qe done est entendre qe il y ad un de voz commoignes, pursuour de voz busoignes, demourant maintenant a la Courte de Rome, qi par cas pursuivera en le meen temps avoir proces en la dite Courte ; qi purra tourner en prejudice du dit Priour et de sa Esglise de Cantorbirs en celle partie, et assint a deshonur de nous, quele chose nous ne vorrions mie, sil ne soit defenduz ou destourbez ; vous mandons et chargeons fermement, sur la foy qe vous nous devez, qe, ove toute la haste qe vous purrez, facez envoier a vostre dit commoigne, et a toutz voz autres procureurs illeoqes si nuls y avez, et les defendre expressement, par voz lettres, qe nul de eux ne facent pursuite a la Courte de Rome, ne nul proces, ne invencion quiconqe, touchante la dite matire, ne qi purra porter prejudice ne deshonur en ceo cas a nous, ne au dit Priour, ne a sa Esglise susdite ; et si riens y soit fait ou innovez pur la matire, qe ce soit repellez et quassez saunz delay, sanz proceder plus outre en celle partie. Et ce ne lessez sur le peril qi appent ; car nous avoms ordeine, qe, au dit jour acordez parentre vous et le Priour avantdit, ou devant, solonc le garnissement qe vous enserra fait de part nous, les prelatz et autres sages de nostre Conseil serront entendant a celle busoigne ; devant queux nous voloms qe la matire soit plenement dune part et

commence any process against him on account of his non-appearance before you at the said Chapter, until after our return from Calais ; when we might have advice on the matter from our Council at home, before whom we have arranged that the matter shall be discussed without farther argument or expense on one side or the other ; whereupon, you have signified to us that, out of respect for us, you have refrained from issuing any citation to the said Prior on account of his aforesaid non-appearance, and that the whole matter is adjourned to a given day after Easter, as agreed upon between you and him, to which we entirely agree. But inasmuch as we are given to understand that there is one of your monks, acting as manager of your affairs, residing at the Court of Rome, who meanwhile may possibly push on a process in the said Court, which, if it be not prevented or checked, may tend to the injury of the said Prior and of his Church of Canterbury in this matter, as also to our dishonour, which thing we would by no means desire ; we command, and strictly charge you by the fealty which you owe to us, that, with all the speed you can, you send to your said fellow-monk, and to all other proctors of yours if you have any there, and that you expressly forbid by your letters that any of them shall take any action at the Court of Rome, or pursue any process or scheme whatever relating to the said matter, or which may bring prejudice or dishonour in this case to us, or to the said Prior, or to the aforesaid Church ; and if anything be already done or commenced in this affair, that this shall be recalled and annulled without delay, without going farther in this behalf. And do not neglect this under the penalty in this case provided ; for we have arranged that, on the aforesaid day agreed to between you and the said Prior, or before that day if you have warning which shall be given by us, the prelates and other wise men of our Council will consider this affair ; before whom we desire that the affair may be

dautre, et la busoigne esqualment discusse, si avant come len purra, par voie aimable, sanz plee, et sanz despenses ou appelle faire pur celle cause hors de nostre roialme ; et y pensons meismes, si mestir soit, qe un bone fin empuisse estre fait. Donez sous nostre prive seal a Westmoustier le xme jour de Decembre, lan de nostre regne trente quart.

21 May 1361. L. 47 *b*.

Peter Hayward has received from his brother, now deceased, a monk of Christ Church, some goods, dishonestly obtained, belonging to the Convent. At the date, pricked in his conscience, he has sent his wife to the Monastery to arrange terms of reconciliation, which she has succeeded in doing.

873.—Littera absolutoria de bonis Ecclesiæ male receptis.

Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Prior del Esglise de Cauntorbirs a nostre cher en Dieu Piere Hayward de Thanet, salutz en Jesu Crist. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe vostre conscience se remorde grandement, pur les biens qe vous avez resceuz de nostre dite Esglise avant ces hures, del temps Dantz Robert vostre frere et Roger de Thanet, qi sont a Dieux commandez, des queux choses vous nous priez humblement pardon, et qe nous vous vorrioms assaudre : sachez, qe nous vous pardonoms, en quantqe nous est, les choses susdites, et de y celes vous deschargeoms, [et] claimoms quitez devant Dieu, solonc les convenaunces entre vostre femme et nous purparles. En tesmoignaunce de quieu chose a y cestes avoms mys nostre seal. Donez a Cauntorbirs le xxj^me^ jour de May, lan de grace MCCCLXJ.

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25 May 1361. L. 48 *a*.

A friend writes to ask some man of influence in

874.—[Littera supplicatoria amici de præsentatione.]

Reverende domine, [et] fiducialis amice. Retulit michi nuntius meus qui ad vos fuit ultimo, quod vos, vestri gratia, contingente vacatione cujusvis ecclesiæ Londoniensis ad vestri prioratus patronatum perti-

fully discussed on both sides impartially, and, as far as can be done, amicably and without forms of law, or causing expenses, or making for this cause any appeal out of our kingdom ; and we also intend that if it be expedient a final settlement may be made. Given under our privy seal, at Westminster, the 10th day of December, in the thirty-fourth year of our reign.

873.

Robert by God's permission Prior of the Church of Canterbury, to our beloved in God Peter Hayward of Thanet, greeting in Jesus Christ. Whereas we have heard that your conscience sorely pricks you, on account of the goods which you have aforetime received from our Church, in the time of Dom. Robert, your brother, and Roger de Thanet, who are called to God ; concerning which goods you humbly ask for our pardon and that we would give you absolution ; know, then, that we forgive, as far in us lies, the things aforesaid, and we acquit you before God in the terms of the bargain discussed between your wife and us. In witness of which thing we have set our seal to these presents. Given, &c.

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nentis, dominum meum Priorem et alios dominos meos sui Conventus stimularetis et procuraretis instanter, quod carum meum socium Dominum Johannem Clyfton, presbiterum Wygorniensis diœcesis, intuitu caritatis, [præsentarent ad eandem]; jamque, nocte proximæ feriæ post festum Trinitatis, rector ecclesiæ Omnium Sanctorum in Bredstrete Londoniæ diem suum clausit

Christ Church to procure the presentation to All Saints, Bread-street.

extremum, vestram dominationem, quam repperi semper michi gratam, rogo devotius, ex mei cordis intimis, quatinus, ut idem Johannes ad præfatam ecclesiam præsentari valeat, si placet dignemini procurare. Altissimus vos dirigat in agendis cum religionis augmento. Scriptum Londoniis xxv° die mensis Maii.

8 Aug. 1361.

875.—Testamentum Johannis atte Nelme.

L. 50 *b*.

The will of a clerk who, inter alia, leaves the sale value of a tenement in Canterbury to the Prior to maintain his memory in the Church.

In Dei nomine, Amen. Die Dominica proxima ante festum Sancti Laurentii, anno Domini millesimo CCC°LXJ^mo^; ego Johannis atte Nelme de Cantuaria, clericus, sana mente et in bona memoria mea, condo testamentum meum in hunc modum. In primis: lego animam meam Deo et Beatæ Mariæ et omnibus sanctis, et corpus meum ad sepeliendum in cimiterio monachorum, si Domino Priori placuerit. Item: lego Domino Johanni Pep[per] unum coopertorium de chekere. Item: lego Magistro Johanni Mawere cultellum meum, et unam pelvim cum lavatorio. Item: lego Fratri Ancelmo Maynard unum tapetum nigrum. Item: lego Johanni Lucke unum computorium. Item: lego Alexandro Hanekyn, Roberto Hore, et Nicholao atte Celer, vel cuicumque alio quem dominus meus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi eligere voluerit, totum capitale

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1361.

876.—Littera.

L. 50 *a*.

A tenant of the Chapter in Essex has died, and a

Cher amy. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe Johan de Loundres, nadgaires nostre fermier de Southchurche, est a Dieu commande, le quel fist ses executours Johan de Prittlewell et Hugh Scherman, et

tenementum meum integrum, situatum in parochia Beatæ Mariæ atte Bredman, ut metæ et bundæ undique se ostendunt et demonstrant, habendum et tenendum prædictum tenementum cum pertinentiis suis prædictis Alexandro, Roberto, et Nicholao, vel cuicumque ut præmittitur [1] per dictum Dominum Priorem [eligendo], ad vendendum dictum tenementum cum pertinentiis, quibuscumque vel cuicumque sibi placuerit, et pecunia inde levanda liberetur et tradatur reverendo domino meo Priori et ejusdem loci Capitulo, ut idem Capitulum, si domino Priori placuerit, habeant in eorum memento animas Hugonis le Wodere, Willelmi Cotyng, et meam, si eis placuerit. Set, de licencia dicti Domini Prioris, concessi Margaretæ de Ely cui [2] tenere firmam illius tenementi per unum annum integrum, si dicta Margareta tamdiu vixerit. Item: lego Johanni Lucke, executori meo, xx. solidos. Item: lego Katerinæ ancillæ meæ lectum meum cum apparatu, unam pelvim cum lavatorio rotundo, unam ollam æneam majorem, et unam patellam, unum lectum plumale secundum meum. Hujus autem testamenti mei executores meos ordino facio et constituo, videlicet, Johannem Lucke et Margaretam de Ely. Residuum omnium bonorum meorum lego executores meos prædictos.[2]

876.

Dear Friend, whereas we have heard that John of London, late our tenant at Southchurch, is called to God; who made John of Prittlewell and Hugh Sherman his executors and administrators, not only of his wife's

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[1] *prætenditur*, MS. | [2] sic MS.

person has interfered with the administration of the deceased's estate; the Prior, therefore, warns this latter to abstain from molesting the executors.

administratours auxi bien des biens sa femme com de ses biens demeignes; et pur tant qe les ditz executours se doutent de vous, et auxint nous sumes enformez, qe vous estes entour de grevir et destourbir les de la administration des ditz biens, quele chose serroit damage as almes du dit Johan et sa femme et a nous; vous prioms cherement qe vous les veullez soffrir faire lour administration de ditz biens, saunz delay ou destourbance faire par vous ou par nul autre pur vous, pur lamour de nous; issint qe nous neymes matire nencheson de prendre contre vous pur cele chose.

(1361.)

L. 50 *a*.

877.—Procuratorium attornati nostri de passagio apud Wythsand.

The Chapter appoint a proctor to perform the duties of a consul for them at Wissant, at which port their wine of St. Thomas was embarked, and where they had other interests.

Omnibus, etc. Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. Noverit universitas vestra quod nos constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo Willelmum le Kien de Wythsand procuratorem nostrum, etc. ad exigendum, recipiendum, protegendum, et manutenendum, jura et libertates nostras et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, apud Wythsand et alibi in regno Franciæ, quotienscumque contigerit nos seu aliquem nostrorum, clericos, servientes, procuratores, seu nuntios, et homines nostros, pro passagio vel armagio, seu aliis consuetudinibus seu demandis molestari. In cujus, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi, etc. anno, etc. Præsentibus valituris donec ipsas duxerimus revocare.

11 Aug. 1361.

L. 50 *a*.

878.—Procuratorium de vinis Franciæ factum Willelmo le Keen de Wytsand.

The same proctor is empowered

Universis pateat, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior, etc. constituimus dilectum nobis in Christo Willelmum

goods but of his own also; and, inasmuch as the said executors are suspicious of you, and also we ourselves are informed that you are about to oppress and oppose them in the administration of the said goods, which thing would be perilous to the souls of the said John and his wife, and to us also; we beg you earnestly that you will, out of love to us, permit them to perform their administration of the said goods without delay or any opposition, from yourself or from others on your behalf; so that we may have no cause nor opportunity for taking part against you for this reason.

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le Keen procuratorem nostrum, etc. ad petendum, etc. vineas, et vina, et omnia alia bona nostra, etc. in regno Franciæ. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xj. die mensis Augusti, anno Domini M°CCC. sexagesimo primo.

to collect the wine of St. Thomas.

879.—Licencia regia super fundacione Collegii Cantuariensis in Universitate Oxoniæ.

20 Oct. 1361.

B. 374 *a.*

The King's licence empowering Archbishop Islip to found and endow his new College in Oxford.

Edwardus, etc. Sciatis quod, de gratia nostra speciali, et ad devotam supplicacionem venerabilis fratris Simonis Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. pie desiderantis incrementum salubre cleri regni nostri, propter multiplicacionem doctrinæ salutaris, quæ jam, per præsentem epidemiam, noscitur plurimum defecisse, concessimus et licenciam dedimus, pro nobis et heredibus nostris, quantum in nobis est, eidem Archiepiscopo, quod ipse in Universitate Oxoniæ, quandam Aulam sive Domum, Aulam Cantuariensem vulgariter et communiter vocitandam, in qua certus erit numerus scolarium, tam religiosorum quam secularium, actibus scolasticis insistencium,

et Deo pro nobis et salute regni nostri specialiter exorancium, secundum formam ordinacionis inde per eundem Archiepiscopum super hoc faciendæ, suis sumptibus erigere poterit et fundare, et eisdem scolaribus imperpetuum assignare; et, in eventu quo Domus sive Aula sit fundata et scolares in ea assignati fuerint, advocacionem Ecclesiæ de Pageham, suæ jurisdictionis immediatæ, quæ est de advocacione sua propria de jure suo archiepiscopali, et quæ de nobis tenetur in capite ut dicitur, eisdem scolaribus et successoribus suis dare possit, et eciam assignare; habendam et tenendam præfatis scolaribus et successoribus, suis de nobis et heredibus nostris, in liberam puram et perpetuam elemosinam imperpetuum; et eisdem scolaribus quod ipsi tam Aulam quam advocacionem prædictas, a præfato Archiepiscopo recipere, et ecclesiam illam appropriare, et eam sic appropriatam in proprios usus tenere possint, sibi et successoribus suis prædictis, pro nobis et salute regni nostri oraturis, juxta ordinacionem prædicti Archiepiscopi, de nobis et heredibus nostris, etc. Similiter, licenciam dedimus specialem, statuto de terris et tenementis ad manum mortuam non ponendis edito non obstante, nolentes quod prædicti Archiepiscopus vel successores sui, aut præfati scolares seu successores sui, ratione præmissorum, seu statuti prædicti, aut pro eo quod dicta advocacio de nobis tenetur in capite sicut prædictum est, per nos vel heredes nostros, Justiciarios, Escheatores, Vicecomites, aut alios ballivos seu ministros nostros quoscumque, occasionentur, molestentur, in aliquo seu graventur. Salvis tamen nobis et heredibus nostris, ac aliis capitalibus dominis feodi illius, serviciis inde debitis et consuetis. In cujus rei, etc. Teste meipso apud Westmonasterium, xx^{mo} die Octobris, anno regni nostri tricesimo quinto.

Per breve de privato sigillo.

880.—CONFIRMATIO. (CERTEN BONDMEN.)[1]

20 Jan. 1362.

L. 51 *b*.

The Chapter confirm the manumission by the Archbishop of a bondmen and his sons attached to the Manor of South Malling. The younger son of the family is reserved in servitude, and the fixtures (principalia catalla) of the tenants are to remain to the Lord.

Noverint universi nos R. permissione, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum litteras reverendi in Christo patris et domini Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. inspexisse, tenorem qui sequitur continentes: "Omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, Simon permissione, etc., salutem. Sciatis nos, pro bono servitio quod Nicholaus atte Broke de Fremfeld nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ impendit et impendet in futurum, ipsum, præsentis scripti tenore, manumittimus, et ab omni jugo servitutis absolvimus, perpetuæque libertatis titulo decoramus, ac Ricardum, Johannem, et Willelmum, filios ejusdem Nicholai, antea nativos nostros, cum omnibus sequelis suis imposterum procreandis. Et volumus quod iidem Nicholaus, Ricardus, Johannes, et Willelmus, cum sequelis suis, liberi sint imperpetuum, et liberum statum, plenamque et liberam administrationem omnium bonorum et catallorum suorum, ubicunque, et licite, sine calumpnia nostra vel successorum nostrorum, perpetuis temporibus habeant in futurum. Ita tamen, quod Walterus, filius ipsius Nicholai, qui omnibus aliis filiis suis prædictis jam minor est, nativus noster et successorum nostrorum, sum omni sequela sua, sit et remaneat imperpetuum; quia unum exitum prædicti Nicholai, quem præfatum Walterum eligimus, penes nos et nostros successores imperpetuum nativum nostrum, cum sequela sua, volumus reservari, et illum, tenore præsentium, uti vel gaudere nolumus aliqua libertate. Et quia certa catalla, quæ in partibus illis *principalia* nuncupantur, super singula tenementa nostra, quæ tenentur in villenagio de manerio nostro de South Mallyngg (ad quod præfatus Nicholaus

[1] These two words are in a hand of the 16th century.

fuerat prius tanquam pertinens nativus noster) per consuetudinem in manerio nostro prædicto hactenus usitatam, semper remanere debent, et in eodem morari, post mortem vel redditionem cujuslibet hujusmodi tenentis in villenagio de manerio prædicto, ad usus proximi tenentis idem tenementum priori tenenti immediate succedentis. Et forte supponerent aliqui quod, pro eo quod prædictus Nicholaus, qui nunc tenet duo tenementa nostra de manerio nostro prædicto in villenagio, quorum quidem tenementorum conditionem nolumus aliquo modo præsentis concessionis occasione mutari, et qui jam, pro persona sua et catallis, a servitute liberatus est, et alii similiter qui per præsentes liberi fiunt in forma prædicta, licite disponere possent de quibuscunque bonis et catallis suis, et sic illa in testamentis suis legare vel alio modo elongare, ita quod illa certa catalla, quæ *principalia* dicuntur, in forma prædicta super tenementa nostra prædicta, ad opus tenentis seu tenentium sibi, vel eis seu alteri eorum, succedentis seu succedentium, non remanerent (quod mere nobis et successoribus nostris foret præjudiciale) et esset consonum rationi, maxime cum hujusmodi catalla seu *principalia* non pertinent solum ad personas tenentium, set pocius ad tenementa nostra quæ tenent in forma prædicta, ex quo quilibet eorum primo introitu suo hujusmodi catalla seu principalia ibidem recipit et invenit; quare volumus, ac omnibus et singulis innotescimus per præsentes, quod, licet præfatus Nicholaus, Ricardus, Johannes, et Willelmus filii sui prædicti jam liberi fiant in forma prædicta, idem tamen Nicholaus, Ricardus, Johannes, aut Willelmus filii sui prædicti, quamquam ad tenementa nostra, illa, videlicet, quæ præfatus Nicholaus jam tenet in villenagio, vel ad alia quæcumque quæ de manerio nostro tenentur in forma prædicta quocumque titulo deveniant in

eventu, nullam habeant licenciam vel potestatem aliqualiter elongandi in tantum catalla sua prædicta, quominus catalla illa quæ *principalia* dici debent remaneant super hujusmodi tenementa nostra prædicta, in forma supradicta, succedentibus tenentibus, ut prædictum est, liberanda. In cujus rei, etc. hiis testibus: Andrea de Sakevill, Johanne de Waleys, militibus, Andrea filio Johannis de Waleys militis, Johanne de Schedwell, Rogerio filio Thomæ de Dallyngrygg, Petro Erch, Roberto de Hemstede, et aliis. Datum apud Maghefeld, vicesimo die mensis Junii, anno Domini millesimo CCC^mo^LXJ^o^, et consecrationis nostræ duodecimo." Nos autem Prior et Capitulum memorati præmissa omnia et singula in litteris prædictis contenta ratificamus, approbamus, et tenore præsentium confirmamus. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi, vicesimo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini supradicto.

880A.—Obligatio.

4 Mar. 1362. L. 52 *b*.

Acknowledgment of a loan. The name of the debtor has been carefully erased with a knife, but it can be read as *Henricus de Hales*.

Universis, etc. quod ego . . . . de . . . . de comitatu Kanciæ teneor et fateor me obligari Domino Roberto Priori, etc. in quadraginta libris sterlingorum quas in civitate Cantuaria recepi mutuo ab eodem, etc. Dat. Cant. quarto die mensis Martii anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii, etc. tricesimo sexto

881.—De Fratre Ricardo Turpyn.

23 Jan. 1362. L. 51 *a*.

A monk of Hatfield is, with consent of his former Prior,

Tenore præsentium nos R., etc. Prior, etc. notum facimus universis quod religiosus vir Frater Ricardus Turpyn, monachus monasterii de Hathfield Regis Londoniensis diœcesis, cœlitus inspiratus cupit ut asserit, ferventi desiderio, cum claræ devotionis promptitudine

received into the congregation of Christ Church.

quam habet erga beatum Thomam Martirem gloriosum, qui specialius in dicta nostra Ecclesia veneratur, ad ipsam ecclesiam se transferre, et in eadem, tanquam monachus ejusdem, divinis obsequiis mancipari, ac ibidem, vitam artiorem ducendo, in Sancta Religione perpetue conversari. Nos, præfati Ricardi laudabile propositum in Domino commendantes, ipsum, cum de

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(1362.)
L. 52 *b*.

The Prior (writing to his Steward at Walworth) orders him to surrender the lands left by a father to his daughter. If the Steward has any doubt of the daughter's right he is to cause an inquest to be taken in the Manor-Court. The Prior says that the King has interested himself in this matter.

882.—Littera missa Johanni Lytle pro negotiis tangentibus Margaretam Fauconn.

Trescher amy, nous vous envoioms une bille enclose deinz cestes touchaunte Margarete Fauconn, qi fuist la fille Johann Fauconn; et si vous savez qe la dite bille contiegne verite, lui facez deliverir la dite terre. Et en cas qe vous ne savez point, adonqs facez enquere en nostre Court de Walleworth, par bons et leals de noz tenaunts illeoqes, coment la chose est; et solonc la fourme qe vous enquerrez ou trovez de toute chose touchante ceste busoigne, nous certifiez par voz lettres overtement, issint qe nous puissoms trestier ove nostre conseil, pur nous descharger de peril et conscience. Et veullez entendre qe nostre seignur le Roi nous ad escript autre foiz pur ceste busoigne, qe nous fassoms a la dite femme droit et resoun. A Dieu cher amy qi vous meig[n]tiegne en bone vie.

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5 Mar. 1362.
L. 52 *b*.

Alice Hathbrand appoints two general attor-

883.—Procuratorium.

Pateat universis, etc. quod ego Alicia Hathebrand, Cantuariensis diœcesis, in omnibus causis, coram quibuscunque judicibus ordinariis delegatis, aut eorum commissariis, motis seu movendis, me qualitercunque

licencia et consensu communi venerabilium [et] religiosorum virorum Prioris et Conventus dicti monasterii, per eorum litteras patentes nobis plena extiterit facta fides, recipiemus in nostrum commonachum et confratrem. In cujus, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi, xxiij° die mensis Januarii anno Domini M°CCC°LXJ°.

882.

Very dear friend; we send you a writing enclosed in these letters touching Margaret Fauconn, who was daughter to John Fauconn, and if you recognise that the said writing contains a true statement, do you cause the said land to be delivered to her. And in case that you do not know (if it contain the truth), then call an inquisition in our manor-court of Walworth, to ascertain, by the oaths of good and lawful men, how the matter stands; and inform us publicly by your letters of the process of your enquiry or its result, so that we may be able to discuss the matter with our counsel, and thus to avoid risk, and to clear our conscience. And please to understand that our Lord the King formerly wrote to us on this business, ordering us to do right and justice to this woman. Adieu, &c.

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contingentibus, quibuscunque diebus et locis, quotiens me abesse contigerit vel adesse, dilectos michi in Christo Adam Clerk de Assch et Ricardum de Mersey, clericos, Cantuariensis et Londoniensis diœcesium, meos veros et legitimos procuratores, etc. ordino facio et constituo, etc., etc. In cujus rei testimonium,

nies, one of whom is a notary employed by the Convent of Christ Church. She was

probably sister of Robert Hathbrand, at the date Prior of Canterbury.

quia sigillum meum pluribus est ignotum, sigillum officii discreti viri Decani Cantuariensis apponi præsentibus procuravi. Et nos Decanus antedictus sigillum officii nostri, ad personalem rogatum præfatæ Aliciæ, præsentibus duximus apponendum. Data Cantuariæ quinto die Martii anno Domini M°CCC°LXJ^{mo}.

13 Mar. 1362.

L. 93 *a*.

884.—NOMINATIO CUSTODIS AULÆ CANTUARIENSIS NOVITER FUNDATÆ IN UNIVERSITATE OXONIENSI PER REVERENDUM PATREM DOMINUM S. DE ISLEP ARCHIEPISCOPUM CANTUARIENSEM.

The Prior nominates the first Warden of Canterbury College.

Reverendo in Christo patri ac domino, Domino Simoni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, totius Angliæ Primati, et Apostolicæ Sedis Legato, vestri humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, obedientiam, reverentiam, et honorem. Ad curam et officium custodiæ Aulæ Cantuariensis, in Univeritate Oxoniensi per vos noviter fundatæ, Fratres Henricum de Wodhulle sacræ paginæ doctorem, Johannem de Redynggate, et Willelmum Rychemond, nostros confratres et commonachos, vobis, juxta formam et effectum ordinationis vestræ factæ in hac parte, tenore præsentium nominamus; supplicantes quatinus unum ex illis tribus, sic nominatis, quem volueritis, in Custodem dictæ Aulæ præficere, et eidem curam et administrationem, tam spiritualium quam temporalium ad ipsam Aulam pertinentium, committere dignetur vestra paternitas reverenda; quam ad Ecclesiæ suæ regimen conservet in prosperis Trinitas indivisa. Data sub sigillo nostro communi, in domo nostra capitulari Cantuariensi xiij. die mensis Martii, anno Domini M°CCC°LXIJ^{do}

885.—NOMINATIO [ALTERA] CUSTODIS AULÆ CANTUARIENSIS. 20 April (1367). L. 93 *a*.

Another form of the same.

Reverendo in Christo patri, etc. Ad curam et officium custodiæ Aulæ Cantuariensis in Universitate Oxoniensi, per beatæ memoriæ Dominum Simonem nuper Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem prædecessorem vestrum immediatum fundatæ, Fratres Henricum de Wodehull sacræ paginæ professorem, Willelmum de Rychemond, et Ricardum Hathfeld, nostros confratres, etc., (ut supra) nominamus. Scripta Cantuariæ xx. die mensis Aprilis.[1]

885A.—VERBA ORDINACIONIS AD CUSTODIAM HUJUSMODI. L. 93 *a*.

Process by which the Warden is to be selected.

Et debet ipse præfici sicut ceteri monachi officiarii dictæ Ecclesiæ per Dominum Archiepiscopum præficiendi; videlicet, Prior et Capitulum eligent de toto Capitulo tres personas ydoneas et meliores in religione et sciencia ad dictam curam, et eas,[2] in scriptura communi, Domino Archiepiscopo nominabunt, quorum unum, ex illis sic nominatis et quem voluerit, Archiepiscopus præficiet in Custodem, curam et administracionem, tam spiritualium quam temporalium ad ipsam Aulam pertinentium, sibi committendo.[3]

886.—ACQUIETANCIA. 26 Mar. 1369. L. 53 *a*.

The farmer of East Peckham Manor is allowed off his rent a sum of

Pateat, etc. Nos Robertum Priorem, etc. allocasse Ricardo atte Wealde, firmario manerii nostri de East-Peckham, novemdecem libras argenti, pro diversis reparationibus factis per eundem Ricardum apud Brauntbregge, de parte firmæ suæ ibidem viginti et unius

[1] These two nominations, divided in date by five years, are nevertheless put together in the Register; the second being, probably, the form used when Wodhull was re-instated in 1370.

[2] *eos*, MS.

[3] This *ordination* is included in the revised statutes of the college.

twenty one pounds spent in repairs upon Brand Bridge (by which the high road is carried over the Medway).

librarum, de terminis Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ Virginis et Nativitatis ejusdem de anno tricesimo sexto, etc. Datum Cantuarie, die Sabbati in crastino Annunciationis Beatæ Mariæ, anno regni Regis Edwardi, etc. xxxvj^to^.

887.—Acquietancia facta in thesauraria.

19 April 1362.

L. 53 *b*.

Pateat, etc. quod ego Ricardus Pedefor, rector ecclesiæ de Stanford, Londoniensis diœcesis, executor

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7 April 1362.

L. 54 *b*.

888.—Littera directa W. de Hathefeld, super bonis et catallis Radulfi Boch fugitivi injuste captis per ministrum Domini Principis infra [manerium nostrum] de Newenton.

The officers of the Prince of Wales (at Prince's Risborough) have seized the goods of a felon belonging to the neighbouring manor of Newington Oxon, to the damage of the Convent of Christ Church, the Lords of Newington.

Cher amy. Pur ceque nous avoms entenduz, ore tard, dun felonie fait en nostre manoir de Newenton, par quey les chateux furent pris et saisiz par noz ministres, com de nostre droit, sicom piert par chartre dez Roys; si vint un Thomas de Standhull, ministre le Prince, et prist hors de nostre dit manoir les ditz chateux par force, et autres chateux qi furent seissiz illeosqes deinz nostre bondage, com le portour de cestes vous savera outrement dire de bouche; mais par quiel colour nous ne savoms; pur quey, nous vous prioms et chargeoms, en quant com nous pooms, qe vous enquerez, si en haste com vous poez, toute la verite par quiele cause ou colour il ad fait ce tort a nous et a nostre Esglise, et nous certifier, si tost com vous purrez; issint qe nous puissoms trester de ceste busoigne ovesqe nostre conseil, et par eux estre enformez coment nous purrioms aver remedie de cest tort et misprision. A Dieu, etc. Escript le vij^e^ jour Daverill

testamenti Willelmi de Dereham defuncti, recepi et habui die confectionis præsentium, de venerabilis religionis viris Priore Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, etc. decem libras sterlingorum, in persolutionem quingentarum marcarum sterlingorum, in quibus iidem Prior et Conventus tenebantur prædicto Willelmo de Dereham dum vixit, etc. Data Cantuariæ nonodecimo die mensis Aprilis, anno regni Regis Edwardi tertii, etc. xxxvj^to.

The executor of a deceased creditor of the Convent, to whom 500 marks are due, accepts ten pounds as full payment.

888.

Dear friend. Whereas we have now lately heard of a felony committed in our manor of Newington, in consequence of which the (felon's) goods were taken and seized by our officers, as in our right as appears by royal charters; and then came one Thomas of Standhill, an official of the Prince, and by force took out of our said manor the aforesaid chattels, and with them others which had been there taken from our villeins, as the bearer of these will be able to tell you farther by word of mouth; but under what pretence this was done we know not; wherefore we beg, and charge you as strictly as we can, that you search out, as speedily as you can, all the truth as to the cause or pretence by which he has done this wrong to us and our Church; and inform us as soon as you are able; so that we may discuss this matter with our counsel, and from them learn how to obtain redress for this wrong and contempt.

3 May (1362). L. 54 *a*.

889.—Littera missa Domino Comiti Arundell pro petra sibi concedenda pro ferro faciendo.

The Earl of Arundel finds that he can work the iron ore at Merstham, one of the Manors of Christ Church, so as to make a profit, he therefore has leave to try the the experiment.

Treshonuree Seignur, vous plese savoir qe nous receumes voz honurables lettres y ce Mardy en la feste de a Seinte Croys, par les queles nous avoms entenduz, qi liad de piere-pur-fer pres de vous, qi vous purra faire grant profist. Trescher Seignur, vous plese entendre qe nous sumes et serroms toutz jours prest de faire voz volentez en quant com nous pooms; si, avoms ordinez nostre Gardien de venir par devers vous de parfourmer voz dites volentez; sicom nous avoms dit pluspleinement al portour de voz dites lettres. Trescher Seignur, le Seint Esprit soit garde de vous. Escript a Cauntorbirs le Mardy susdit.

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18 May 1363. L. 56 *b*.

890.—Littera excusatoria facta quibusdam coexecutoribus prout memoratur in litteris Apostolicis, etc. super collatione et provisione facienda Thomæ de Cherdesle clerico Lyncolniensis diœcesis.

The Pope, requiring that a clerk shall be appointed to a benefice in the Archbishop's patronage, has appointed the Prior of Christ Church, the Abbot of St. Augus-

Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, executor ad infrascripta a Sede Apostolica specialiter deputatus, venerabilibus et religiosis viris Abbati Monasterii Sancti Augustini, et Priori Sancti Gregorii, Cantuariensibus, coexecutoribus nostris, salutem in Domino. Vobis, et vestrum cuilibet, tenore præsentium innotescat, quod nos Prior Ecclesiæ Christi prædictæ, qui pro executione gratiæ Apostolicæ in forma communi, per dominum nostrum Dominum Urbanum divina providentia papam quintum modernum, Thomæ de Cherdesle, clerico Lyncolniensis diœcesis, factæ, de beneficio ecclesiastico, cum cura vel

889.

Most honoured Lord, please to know that we received your honourable letters this day, Monday in the festival of the Holy Rood; and by them we have understood that there is ironstone near your place which may bring you great profit. Most dear Lord, be pleased to understand that we are now and always shall be ready to perform your will in all that ever we can, and therefore we have commissioned our Warden to go to you, to carry out your wishes, as we have explained more fully to the bearer of your said letters. Very dear Lord, may the Holy Spirit be your protector. Written, &c.

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sine cura, vacante vel vacaturo, spectante etiam ad collationem et provisionem reverendi patris Domini Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, sumus una vobiscum executor specialiter deputatus, cum illa clausula, quod: *si non omnes hiis exequendis*, etc. prout in litteris Apostolicis super hoc confectis plenius continetur, executioni gratiæ supradictæ præfati clerici intendere ac interesse non possumus, aliis arduis negotiis occupati; idcirco vos habeatis[1] super hoc nos excusatos, ac in executionem dictæ gratiæ si placet procedatis, prout vobis visum fuerit expedire, nostri absentia[2] non obstante. Datum Cantuariæ sub sigillo nostro xviij° die mensis Maii, anno Domino M°CCC°LXIIJ°.

tine's, and the Prior of St. Gregory's in Canterbury to be the *executors* of this *provision*, but the Prior of Christ Church excuses himself.

[1] *habentes*, MS.

[2] *præsentia*, MS.

31 May 1362.

L. 53 *b*.

The Chapter let to farm the rectory of Ash Bocking to the vicar there on condition that he pay an annual rent of 20*s*. and bear all the contributions both of rector and vicar.

891.—De rectoria ecclesiæ de Assch (Bockynng) tradita ad firmam vicario.

Robertus permissione, etc. et ejusdem loci Conventus ecclesiam parochialem de Assch, Norwycensis diœcesis, in proprios usus optinentes, dilecto nobis in Christo Domino Johanni de Framysdenn, vicario dictæ ecclesiæ de Assch, salutem, etc. Ex multorum insinuatione indubitanter accepimus, quod, propter sterilitatem annorum nunc currentium, proventus dictæ vicariæ tuæ adeo sunt tenues et exiles, quod non suppetunt ad onera, tibi ratione vicariæ tuæ incumbentia, congrue subportanda, nisi tibi aliunde uberius succurratur. Nos itaque, hoc reducentes ad exactæ considerationis examen, volentes super hoc, prout expedit, salubre remedium adhibere, omnes fructus, redditus, et proventus, dictæ ecclesiæ de Assch, ut universa onera tam nobis quam tibi ratione ejusdem ecclesiæ incumbentia, commodius valeas supportare, tibi, quamdiu vicarius ibidem fueris, concedimus per præsentes; reddendo inde nobis et successoribus nostris, quamdiu ibidem vicarius fueris, annuatim, in manerio nostro de Illegh, dictæ diœcesis, xx. solidos sterlingorum, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Natalis Domini et Paschæ, per portiones æquales. Ita tamen quod omnia onera, ordinaria et extraordinaria, nobis ratione dictæ ecclesiæ de Assch incumbentia, quamdiu vicarius ejusdem ecclesiæ fueris, agnoscas, subeas, et supportes. In cujus rei, etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi ultimo die mensis Maii, anno Domini M°CCC°LXIJ^do^.

1 Sept. 1362.

Cart. Ant. F. 49.

892.—Donacio Faukeshall.

Edwardus illustris Regis Angliæ primogenitus, Princeps Aquitaniæ et Walliæ, Dux Cornubiæ, et Comes

Cestriæ, omnibus ad quos præsentes litteræ pervenerint, salutem. Sciatis nos, de licencia carissimi domini nostri patris et Regis, dedisse, et hac carta nostra confirmasse, dilectis nobis in Christo Priori et Conventui Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis manerium nostrum de Faukeshall juxta Londoniam cum pertinenciis, triginta et unam acras et unam rodam terræ cum pertinenciis in Lambehethe, simul cum quatuor hopes et delles ibidem, prope aquam Thamisiæ jacentibus, vocatis Smythopes, Risshopes, Littelhopes, et Halfhopes atte Wallende, habendum et tenendum dictum manerium, cum homagiis, wardis, maritagiis, redditibus, releviis, sectis curiæ, escaetis, hariettis, serviciis, et consuetudinibus, tam liberorum tenencium quam nativorum, et cum omnibus aliis proficuis dicto manerio spectantibus, una cum terra quatuor hopes et delles prædictis cum pertinenciis, eisdem Priori et Conventui et successoribus suis in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, pro certis serviciis in prioratu prædicto, per ipsos Priorem et Conventum et successores suos, juxta ordinacionem et composicionem inde per nos factas seu faciendas, inveniendis et sustentandis imperpetuum. Et nos dictus Edwardus et heredes nostri dictum manerium cum omnibus proficuis et pertinenciis suis, etc. præfatis Priori et Conventui, etc. in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, ut prædictum est, contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus imperpetuum. In cujus rei, etc. Hiis testibus: Johanne Little, Nicholao Bonde, Ricardo de Croidon, Albano Frere, Johanne Delves, Johanne de Henxteworth, et aliis. Data apud manerium nostrum de Kenyngton, primo die Septembris, anno regni dicti domini nostri Regis et patris carissimi tricesimo sexto.[1]

The Black Prince conveys to the Chapter of Christ Church the manor of Vauxhall, as an endowment for his chantry in the crypt of Canterbury Cathedral.

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[1] Attached to this grant is a very fine impression of the Prince's seal.

16 Sept. 1362.

H. 83 *b*.

893.—Littera de institutione duarum Cantariarum Domini Principis.

The Chapter of Christ Church ratify the foundation by the Black Prince of two chantries, each of one priest, being the recompense paid for a dispensation allowing the founder to marry his cousin.

Universis, etc. Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem, etc. Ordinacionem duarum cantariarum in Ecclesia prædicta fundatarum, unius videlicet in honore Sanctæ Trinitatis, et alterius in honore Virginis Gloriosæ, inspeximus diligenter, cujus quidem ordinacionis tenor sequitur in hæc verba:

The Prince's *ordination* recited.

"Excellencia principis a regali descendens prosapia, quanto in sua posteritate amplius diffunditur et honorificencius sublimatur, tanto ad serviendum Deo prom(p)tior esse debet, et cum devota gratiarum actione capud suum sibi humiliter inclinare; ne aliter pro ingratitudine tanti muneris merito sibi subtrahatur beneficium largitoris. Sane, nos Edwardus Princeps Walliæ, serenissimi Principis ac Domini nostri Domini Edwardi illustris Regis Angliæ primogenitus, pridem cupientes, ad exaltacionem paterni solii, nobis mulierem de genere suo clarissimo recipere in sociam et uxorem, demum, post deliberaciones varias super diversis nobis oblatis matrimoniis, ad nobilem mulierem Dominam Johannam Comitissam Kanciæ, consanguineam dicti patris nostri et nostram, ipsum, videlicet, in secundo et nos in tercio consanguinitatis gradibus contingentem, Dei pocius inspirante gratia quam hominis suasione, convertimus totaliter mentem nostram, et ipsam, de consensu dicti Domini patris nostri et aliorum parentum nostrorum, dispensacione Sedis Apostolicæ, super impedimento hujusmodi et aliis quibuslibet, primitus obtenta, præelegimus et assumpsimus in uxorem; injuncto nobis etiam eadem auctoritate apostolica, quod duas cantarias quadraginta marcarum, obtentu dispensacionis prædictæ, ad honorem Dei perpetuas faceremus. Nos vero, in Deo sperantes firmiter, per acceptacionem humilem injunctionis hujusmodi et efficax ipsius complementum, nup-

tias nostras Deo reddere magis placabiles, et paternum solium, per adeo sibi propinquæ sobolis propagacionem, condecenter diffundere et firmius stabilire; ad honorem Sanctæ Trinitatis quam peculiari devocione semper coluimus, et Beatissimæ Mariæ, et Beati Thomæ Martiris, infra muros Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, matris nostræ præcipuæ ac metropoliticæ, ad quam a cunabulis nostris devocionem mentis ereximus, in quodam loco ex Australi parte ejusdem ecclesiæ constituto, quem ad hoc de consensu reverendissimi in Christo patris Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. et religiosorum virorum Dominorum Prioris et Capituli ipsius Ecclesiæ designavimus, duas capellas, quarum una Sanctæ Trinitatis intitulabitur, et altera Beatæ et Gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ, sub duabus cantariis duximus construendas; ut sic ad dictam ecclesiam confluentes et dictas capellas nostras intuentes, pro conjugii nostri prosperitate animarumque nostrarum salute, Deum exorare propencius excitentur. In nostris vero cantariis exnunc, volumus et statuimus quod sint duo sacerdotes idonei, sobrii, et honesti, non contenciosi, non querelarum aut litium assumptores, non incontinentes, aut aliter notabiliter viciosi; quorum correctio, punicio, et destitucio ad Archiepiscopum qui pro tempore fuerit loci diœcesanus, pertineat, et pertinere debeat; eorum tamen statum volumus esse perpetuum, nisi per mensem vel amplius a cantariis suis hujusmodi, absque causa rationabili, et licencia a Domino Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo si in diœcesi sua præsens fuerit, vel aliter a Priore dicti Monasterii, petita pariter et optenta absentes fuerint; vel nisi viciosi et insolentes, trina monicione per temporum competencium intervalla, vel aliter trina correctione emendati, ab insolensiis suis cessare non curaverint; quos tunc incorrigibiles seu intollerabiles censemus, et volumus per prædictum Ordinarium reputari, et propterea a dicta cantaria penitus

ammoveri, nulla appellacione aut impetracione Sedis Apostolicæ, vel Regis, aut alicujus alius, juris communis vel spiritualis remedio amoto hujusmodi valitura. Primum vero et principaliorem Dominum A. de B., et Dominum C. de E. secundarium, in eisdem nominamus et constituimus sacerdotes, quorum principalis in altari Sanctæ Trinitatis, et alter in altari Beatæ Mariæ, cum per Dominum Archiepiscopum admissi fuerint, pro statu salubri nostro, prosperitate matrimonii nostri dum vixerimus, et animabus nostris cum ab hac luce subtracti fuerimus, cotidie celebrabunt, nisi infirmitate aut alia causa rationabili fuerint præpediti. Cum vero alter eorum cesserit loco suo vel decesserit, sive ipsum demiserit, nos Edwardus prædictus in vita nostra, et post mortem nostram Rex Angliæ qui pro tempore fuerit, ad locum sic vacantem, quem pro tunc secundum censemus, quam citius commode poterimus, saltem infra unius mensis spacium, dicto Domino Archiepiscopo præsentabimus et nominabimus idoneum sacerdotem, et sic quocienscumque vacaverit imperpetuum volumus observari. Alioquin, lapso tempore hujusmodi, liceat Archiepiscopo, illa vice, loco sic vacanti de sacerdote idoneo providere, salvo jure nostro et successorum nostrorum in hac parte, ut præfertur, in proxima vacacione alterius sacerdotis. Volumus insuper et ordinamus, quod dictus Archiepiscopus qui (pro tempore fuerit), significata sibi morte per litteras nostras aut successorum nostrorum hujusmodi, vel aliter per litteras Capellani qui supervixerit aliquo sigillo autentico roboratas, statim, absque inquisicione alia sive difficultate qualibet, præsentatum seu nominatum hujusmodi admittat, et litteras suas suo consacerdoti, et non alteri, super admissione sua dirigat sive nunciat. Dicent vero dicti sacerdotes insimul matutinas et ceteras horas canonicas, in capella, videlicet, Sanctæ Trinitatis, necnon et septem psalmos pœnitentiales, et quindecim graduales, et commendacionem, ante prandium, captata ad hoc

una hora vel pluribus prout viderint expedire; et post prandium, vesperas, et completorium, *Nunc dimittis*, et *Dirige* pro defunctis. Celebrabit insuper uterque ipsorum singulis diebus prout sequitur, nisi aliqua causa legitima, sicut præmittitur, fuerint præpediti: unus eorum, videlicet, singulis diebus Dominicis missam *de die* si voluerit, aliter *de Trinitate*, et alter eorum *de officio mortuorum* vel *de Beata Maria;* feria secunda, (alter) de festo et ix. lectiones, si acciderit, vel aliter *de Angelis*, et alius *de officio mortuorum*, vel *de Virgine Gloriosa;* feria tercia, alter *de Beato Thoma*, et alius *de Beata Virgine*, vel *de officio mortuorum*, nisi aliquod festum novem lectionum advenerit, tunc enim missa *de Beato Thoma* poterit prætermitti; feria quarta si a festo novem lectionum vacaverit, unus *de Trinitate*, et alter *de Beata Maria Virgine*, vel *officio mortuorum;* feria quinta, unus de festo *Corporis Christi*, et alius *de officio mortuorum*, si a festo novem lectionum vacaverit; feria sexta, si a festo novem lectionum vacaverit, unus *de Beata Cruce*, et alter *de Beata Virgine*, vel *officio mortuorum;* singulis diebus Sabati, si a festo novem lectionum vacaverit, unus *de Beata Virgine*, alter *de officio mortuorum;* et hoc modo celebrabunt singulis diebus imperpetuum. Et non celebrabunt simul et una hora, sed unus post alium successive. Ante vero introitum missæ quilibet rogabit, et publice rogari faciet celebrans, pro statu salubri utriusque nostrum dum vixerimus, et pro animabus nostris cum ab hac luce migraverimus, et dicet *Pater* et *Ave*. Et in singulis missis suis dum vixerimus, de quocumque celebraverint, collectam illam: *Deus cujus misericordiæ non est numerus;* et cum ab hac luce decesserimus: *Deus veniæ largitor;* cum devocione debita recitabunt. Et volumus quod post missas suas, vel ante, secundum eorum discrecionem differendum vel anticipandum, cum doctor aut lector alius in claustro monachorum,

more solito, legerit ibidem, nisi causa legitima præpediti fuerint, præsentes adfuerint, et doctrinæ suæ corditer intendant; ut sic magis edocti, Deo devocius et perfectius obsequantur. Principali vero sacerdote de medio sublato, aut aliter loco suo qualitercumque vacante, socius suus qui tunc superstes fuerit, sicut prædiximus, locum occupabit principaliorem, et secundum locum tenebit noviter assumendus. Ordinamus etiam, quod dicti sacerdotes, singulis annis semel ad minus de eadem secta vestiantur, et quod non utantur brevibus vestimentis, sed tallaribus, secundum decenciam sui status. Pro mora siquidem dictorum sacerdotum assignavimus quemdam habitacionis locum juxta Elemosinariam dicti Monasterii, in quo construetur, ad usum et habitacionem eorum, una aula communis, in qua simul cotidianam sument refectionem, una cum quadam camera per cancellum dividenda, ita quod in utraque parte sic divisa sit locus sufficiens pro uno lecto competenti, necnon pro uno camino, nostris sumptibus erigendo. Ita tamen, quod camera hujusmodi unicum habeat ostium pro Capellanorum ingressu et egressu, cujus locum divisum viciniorem principaliori sacerdoti intitulari volumus et mandamus; sub qua camera officia eis utilia constituentur, prout eis magis videbitur expedire; coquinam etiam habebunt competentem; quam quidem domum, nostris primo sumptibus construendam, præfati religiosi viri Prior et Capitulum, quociens opus fuerit, reparabunt et etiam reformabunt. De habitacione vero ipsorum hujusmodi liberum habebunt ingressum ad dictas capellas, et regressum pro temporibus et horis competentibus, ac retroactis temporibus pro ingressu secularium consuetis. Comedent etiam insimul in aula sua cum perfecta fuerit, in ipsorumque camera et non alibi requiescent. Ad hæc dicti sacerdotes vestimenta et alia ornamenta dictæ capellæ assignanda fideliter conservabunt, et cum mundacione aut re-

paracione aliqua indigerent, prædicti religiosi viri Prior et Capitulum, suis sumptibus, facient reparari, et alia nova quociens opus fuerit inveteratis et inutilibus subrogabunt. Percipiet quidem uterque eorundem sacerdotum annis singulis, a Priore et Capitulo prædictis, viginti marcas, ad duos anni terminos, videlicet, ad festa Sancti Michaelis et Paschæ, per porciones æquales; necnon ab eisdem Priore et Capitulo ministrabitur ipsis Capellanis de pane, et vino, et cera, ad sufficienciam pro divinis officiis celebrandis. Ita, videlicet, quod in matutinis et vespertinis horis sit continue cereus unus accensus, et missa quacumque duo alii cerei, ad utrumque altarium [1] prædictorum. Quod si præfati Prior et Capitulum dictas pecuniæ summas in aliquo dictorum terminorum, cessante causa legitima, solvere distulerint ultra triginta dies ad magis, extunc sint ipso facto ab execucione divinorum officiorum suspensi, quousque ipsis Capellanis de arreragiis fuerit plenarie satisfactum. Pro subportacione vero prædictorum onerum, dictis Priori et Capitulo, ut præmittitur incumbencium, de licencia Excellentissimi Principis [et] Domini patris nostri supradicti, dedimus, concessimus, et assignavimus, eisdem Priori et Capitulo eorumque successoribus, manerium nostrum de Faukeshall juxta Londonias, prout in cartis ejusdem patris nostri et nostris plenius continetur. Jurabit insuper uterque eorundem sacerdotum, coram Archiepiscopo qui pro tempore fuerit, in admissione sua, quod hanc ordinacionem nostram observabit, et faciet, quantum eum concernit et sibi facultas præstabitur, in omnibus observari. Jurabunt insuper iidem sacerdotes Priori ejusdem loci obedienciam; et quod nullum dampnum inferent dicto monasterio, vel personis ejusdem injuriam seu gravamen. Rursum, si in præsenti ordinacione nostra, processu

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[1] *altare*, MS.

temporis, inveniatur aliquod dubium seu obscurum, illud interpretandi, innovandi, corrigendi, et eidem ordinacioni nostræ addendi, diminuendi, et declarandi, nobis dum vixerimus, et post mortem nostram reverendo patri Domino Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi qui pro tempore fuerit specialiter [potestatem] reservamus.

The Prior's confirmation resumed.

Cui quidem ordinacioni sic salubriter compositæ tenore præsencium nostrum præbemus assensum; onera nobis in eadem imposita agnoscimus et cetera in eadem ordinacione contenta, quatenus ad nos attinet vel attinere in futurum poterit, approbamus, ratificamus, ac etiam confirmamus. In quorum omnium testimonium, etc. Data, etc. xvj^to^ die mensis Septembris anno Domini M°CCC° sexagesimo secundo.[1]

30 Sept. 1362.

L. 56 *b*.

894.—PROCURATORIUM PRO CAPIS EXIGENDIS DE PROFESSIONIBUS EPISCOPORUM, ETC.

An attorney is appointed to demand from suffragan Bishops and their executors the *professional copes*, one of which each Bishop, on making his profession of canonical obedience at his consecration, was bound to offer to Canterbury Cathedral.

Pateat universis, etc. quod nos Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, in omnibus causis, etc. dilectum nobis in Christo Magistrum Ricardum de Wodelond, Rectorem ecclesiæ de Lamheth, nostrum, etc. procuratorem, etc. ordinamus. Dantes et concedentes eidem procuratori nostro potestatem generalem et mandatum speciale, nomine nostro et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, petendi, exigendi, et recipiendi, a quibuscunque episcopis dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis suffraganeis superstitibus, ac episcoporum suffraganeorum hujusmodi defunctorum testamentorum executoribus, capas professionales, ratione professionum ipsorum nobis, dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ nomine, de prærogativa ejusdem Ecclesiæ, et laudabili consuetudine legitime præscripta, ac a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit, in provincia Cantuariensi pacifice observata debitas ab eisdem; ac cum eisdem et eorum quolibet,

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[1] Printed in Stanley's memorials of Canterbury.

si ei expedire viderit, componendi in hac parte, et transigendi, et de capis hujusmodi, seu eorum æstimationibus, receptis acquietancias sive apochas faciendi, etc., etc. Datum in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi ultimo die mensis Septembris anno Domini millesimo sexagesimo secundo.

895.—NOVA CANTARIA FACTA PER DOMINUM PRINCIPEM IN CRIPTIS. ACQUIETANCIÆ FACTÆ PER CAPELLANOS DE EORUM PENSIONIBUS SIBI SOLUTIS DE PRIMO TERMINO. 20 Oct. 1362. L. 92 *b*.

Receipt for the stipend of the first year given by the Chaplains of the newly-founded Prince's chantry.

Tenore præsentium noverint universi me Willelmum Bateman de Gyddyngg, perpetuum presbyterum cantariæ Sanctæ Mariæ in Ecclesia Christi Cantuariensi noviter ordinatæ, recipisse et habuisse, die confectionis præsentium, a venerabilibus et religiosis viris Priore et Conventu dictæ Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis decem marcas sterlingorum, in particularem solutionem annuæ pensionis viginti marcarum ab eisdem Priore et Conventu, ad duos anni terminos infrascriptos, michi annuatim, nomine prædictæ cantariæ, solvendæ; videlicet, ad festa Sancti Michaelis et Paschæ, prout in ordinatione dictæ cantariæ plenius continetur. De quibus quidem x. marcis termini Sancti Michaelis præsentis anni contingentibus fateor michi esse plenarie satisfactum, etc. In cujus rei testimonium sigillum meum præsentibus est appensum. Et quia sigillum meum pluribus est ignotum, sigillum officii Commissarii Cantuariensis Generalis apponi præsentibus procuravi. Et nos Commissarius prædictus sigillum officii nostri, ad personalem rogatum præfati Domini Willelmi, præsentibus apposuimus in fidem et testimonium solutionis prædictæ. Data Cantuariæ xx^mo^ die mensis Octobris anno Domini M^o^CCC^o^LXIJ^do^ et anno regni Regis Edwardi, etc.

Et memorandum quod Dominus Johannes Styward, perpetuus presbyter cantariæ Sanctæ Trinitatis, socius prædicti

Domini Willelmi, fecit unam acquietanciam de pensione sua sibi soluta sub forma et data proximis præscriptis.

25 Oct. 1362.

L. 98 *b*.

896.—LITTERA LICENCIALIS FRATRIS BARTHOLOMEI DE LEVELONDE CANONICI DE LEDES QUOD POSSIT MONACHARI IN ECCLESIA CANTUARIENSI.

A licence from the Prior of Ledes in Kent permitting one of his canons to become a Benedictine monk at Christ Church.

Venerandæ religionis viro ac domino, Priori Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Conventui, Frater Thomas Prior Ecclesiæ conventualis de Ledes et ejusdem loci Conventus, salutem, cum omni reverentia et honore. Cum dilectus nobis in Christo Frater Thomas de Levelonde, confrater et concanonicus noster, in ecclesia nostra prædicta sub ordinis nostri disciplina per quatuordecem annos et amplius inter nos honeste fuerit conversatus, nulla sententia excommunicationis seu

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15 Nov. 1362.

II. 85 *a*.

897.—DE MATERIA CONCERNENTE DOMINUM ARCHIEPISCOPUM ET DOMINUM COMITEM ARUNDEL DE DAMIS.

A compromise, by which the Archbishop and the Earl of Arundel agree to commute for a money payment an annual present of a large quantity of venison, claimed by the former from the latter.

Universis, etc. Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. salutem, etc. Litteras indentatas sigillo nobilis viri Comitis Arundell et Surreiæ sigillatas inspeximus diligenter, quarum quidem litterarum tenor sequitur in hæc verba:

"Ceste endenture, faite entre le honurable piere Sire Simond par la grace de Dieu Ercevesqe de Canterbirs et Primate de tout Engleterre dune part, et le noble hom Monsire Richard Counte Darundell et de Surreie dautre part, tesmoigne: qe come de graunt temps eient este debatz entre les predecessors le dit Ercevesqe, Ercevesqes de Canterbirs, et les auncestres le dit Counte; les predecessors du dit Ercevesqe demandantz des auncestres le dit Counte un annuel rente de tresze

suspensionis innodatus, nulloque crimine irretitus, nunc demum propter frugem melioris vitæ, ut asserit, artorem religionem se asserat affectare, ordinemque vestrum, intrandi licentiam nobis humiliter petierit et instanter; nos, ipsius devotionem attendentes, ne propositum sibi ut credimus, divinitus inspiratum impedire, canonicisve institutis in hac parte aliquatenus obviare videamur, tam ipsi Fratri Bartholomeo prædicto ordinem vestrum intrandi quam vobis ipsum admittendi, quatenus ad nos attinet et jura exigunt, per præsentes concedimus facultatem, et ipsum a nostra obedientia absolvimus quantum ad nos pertinet in hac parte. In cujus rei testimonium has litteras nostras sigillo nostro ad causas consignatas fieri fecimus patentes. Data apud Ledes vicesimo quinto die mensis Octobris anno Domini M^{o}CCC^{o}LXIJ^{do}.

897.

To all, &c. the Prior and Chapter of Christ Church &c. greeting, &c. We have diligently examined indented letters sealed with the seal of the noble Earl of Arundel and Surrey, of which letters the tenor followeth in these words:

"This indenture, made between the honourable Father the Lord Simon by the grace of God Archbishop of Canbury and Primate of all England on the one part, and the noble Lord Richard Earl of Arundel and Surrey on the other part, witnesseth: that whereas for a long time there have been disputes between the predecessors of the said Archbishop, being Archbishops of Canterbury, and the ancestors of the said Earl; the predecessors of the said Archbishop demanding from the ancestors of the

The present record is the confirmation of the compromise by the Chapter of Canterbury.

deyms ou cerfs en temps de grece, et de tresze deymes ou bisses en temps de fermeson, a paier annuelment en mesmes les seisons au manoir le dit Ercevesqe de Slyndon; les auncestres du dit Counte dedisantz et denyants lavantdite rente estre due as predecessors le dit Ercevesqe ou a luy; le dit Counte nepurquant, vueillant apeiser et cesser toutes les debatz par celle cause meutz pur tout temps avenir, si ad donez au dit Ercevesqe deux centz et qarante marcz desterlings, par cause de purchacer certeyns terres et tenementz, et de les approprier et amortir al Eglise de Canterbirs, issint qe le dit Ercevesqe pur lui et pur ses successors, par cestes presentz escriptz, relest et quiete cleyme au dit Counte et as ses heires et assignes as touz jours toutes les avantdites chalanges et demandez, et tut le droit et cleyme qil ou ses successors purront par ascun manere avoir es les avantditz deyms, cerfs, deymes, et bisses, et en la rente de eux. Et voelt outre le dit Ercevesqe et graunte, qe en cas qe ascun de ses successors voise encontre ceste reles en nul poynte, qe a donqs le dit Ercevesqe et ses successors soient tenuz au ditz Counte et a ses heires et ses executors en lavantdite summe, de repaier en le Chastel Darundell quel heure qe les successors le dit Ercevesqe soient sur ceo demandez par le dit Conte ou ses heires ou ses executors, tantost apres cel aler encontre de ceste reles par le dit Ercevesqe ou ses successors; et a cel paiement ensi faire le dit Ercevesque soit oblige pur luy et pur ses successors a toutz jours par cestes escriptz. Et voelt auxint le dit Conte, pur luy et ses heires, qe si la dit somme soit repaiez en la manere susdite par le dit Ercevesqe ou ses successors, au dit Conte ou a ses heires ou executors, qe a donqs ceste reles soyt voide et pur nul tenuz, et qe a donqs le dit Ercevesqe et ses successors et le dit Conte et ses heires soient remys en lour primer estat, en manere come ils estoient dambe partz

said Earl an annual payment of thirteen bucks or harts in time of grease, and of thirteen does or hinds in close-time, to be paid yearly at those seasons at Slyndon, the manor of the said Archbishop; the ancestors of the said Earl gainsaying, and denying the aforesaid payment to be due to the predecessors of the aforesaid Archbishop or to himself; the said Earl nevertheless, wishing to appease and remove all the disputes excited by this cause for all future time, has so given to the said Archbishop two hundred and forty marks sterling, for the purpose of buying certain lands and tenements to be appropriated and amortized to the Church of Canterbury, that the said Archbishop for himself and his successors by these present writings may release and quitclaim to the said Earl, and his heirs and assigns for ever, all the aforesaid claims and demands, and all the right and claim that he or his successors can in any manner have to the aforesaid bucks, harts, does, and hinds, and in the periodical payment of the same. And the said Archbishop wills moreover and grants, that if any one of his successors go against this release in any point, that then the said Archbishop and his successors are bound to the said Count, and his heirs and his executors, in the aforesaid sum, to be repaid in Arundel Castle at whatever time the successors of the said Archbishop shall be called upon for the purpose by the said Earl or his heirs or his executors, immediately after the said opposition to this release by the said Archbishop or his successors; and for the making of this payment the said Archbishop is bound for himself and his successors for ever by these writings. And the said Earl also wills, for himself and his heirs, that if the said sum be repaid in the manner abovesaid, by the said Archbishop or his successors, to the said Earl or his heirs or executors, that then this release shall be void and of none effect, and that then the said Archbishop and his successors and the said Earl and his heirs shall be replaced in their former position,

devant la date de cestes. En tesmoignance de quele chose a cestes escriptz endentez, si bien le dit Ercevesqe come le dit Conte ount entrechangeablement mys lours seals. Et sur ce le dit Ercevesq grante de faire ceste reles estre conferme par le Priour et Covent de son Chapitre de Canterbirs. Donez a Lamheth le quinzisme jour de Novembre, lan du regne le Roi Edward tierz Dangleterre trent et sysme."

Nos siquidem, Prior et Capitulum memorati, præscriptas litteras, etc. tenore præsencium approbamus ratificamus et eciam confirmamus. Data, etc. Cantuariæ, primo die mensis Januarii, anno Domini M°CCC°LXIJ^{do}.

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10 Feb. 1363.
H. 49 *b*.

898.—(De Hospitali Sanctorum Stephani et Thomæ apud Veterem Romenal restituendo.)

Ratification by the Chapter of Canterbury of the confirmation by Archbishop Islip of the reconstitution of the decayed leper Hospital of SS. Stephen and Thomas at Old Romney. The Archbishop's letters recited containing a copy of those of John

Sanctæ matris Ecclesiæ filiis universis, Robertus permissione divina Prior, etc. et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem et sinceram in Domino caritatem. Litteras patentes venerabilis, etc. Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc., nuper nobis per Johannem filium Roberti Fraunceys de Romenale præsentatas, recepimus et inspeximus, etc. tenorem qui sequitur continentes: "Universis, etc. Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc., salutem, cum benedictione dexteræ Salvatoris. Litteras dilecti filii Johannis Fraunceys, filii Roberti Fraunceys de Romenale, nostræ diœcesis, ipsius sigillo necnon sigillo communi Baronum ejusdem Villæ de Romenale sigillatas, per eumdem Johannem nobis præsentatas, nos noveritis recipisse; tenorem qui sequitur continentes: 'Omnibus, etc. Johannes filius Roberti Fraunceys de Romenale, Cantuariensis diœcesis, salutem, etc. Noverit universitas

in the same manner as they were on each side before the date of these presents. In witness of which thing to these indented writings as well the said Archbishop as the said Earl have interchangeably set their seals. And hereupon the said Archbishop consents to allow this release to be confirmed by the Prior and Convent of his Chapter of Canterbury. Given at Lambeth, the fifteenth day of November, in the thirty-sixth year of the reign of King Edward the Third of England."

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vestra, quod olim recolendæ memoriæ Adam de Cherryng' quoddam hospitale leprosorum, in honore Beatorum Martirum Stephani et Thomæ quondam Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, in dicta Villa de Romenale dudum fundatum, terris, redditibus, et possessionibus variis dotavit et promovit, ac, pro sustentacione perpetua quorundam leprosorum in eodem degentium, et unius Capellani in ipso hospitali divina imperpetuum celebrantis, pro salute animæ suæ animarumque successorum suorum, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam terras, redditus, et possessiones hujusmodi eidem hospitali dedit, et concessit, ac eciam assignavit; prout per cartas ipsius Adæ, et litteras Romanorum Pontificum ac Archiepiscoporum Cantuariensium, qui pro tempore fuerunt, et præcipue per litteras bonæ memoriæ Domini Baldewini dudum Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi inde confectas, plenius poterit apparere. Set temporum malicia succedente, et eo maxime quod nulli leprosi reperiebantur, nec longis temporibus

Fraunceys, reconstituting the foundation.

retroactis potuerunt reperiri, qui in dicto hospitali voluerunt aliqualiter commorari, stetit dictum hospitale penitus derelictum, et hominibus totaliter desolatum; sicque periit elemosina antiquitus inibi fieri consueta; et divinus cultus in eodem hospitali diu extiterat et existit omnino diminutus et sopitus; ædificiaque hospitalis prædicti, quæ sumptuosa manus construxerat, funditus sunt collapsa. Unde ego, Johannes Fraunceys supradictus, verus dicti hospitalis nunc patronus, motus pietate, volens et intendens ipsum hospitale, ut præmittitur totaliter desolatum, de bonis michi a Deo collatis saltim, et prout michi possibile fuerit, per Dei gratiam relevare, et divinum cultum ibidem diminutum et sopitum, ut præfertur, suscitare; ordino, volo, et dispono, quatenus in me est et de jure possum in hac parte, et præcipue propter causam suprascriptam, quod de cetero, in loco virorum leprosorum qui in eodem hospitali morari consueverant, sint ibidem duo sacerdotes idonei, divina in ipso hospitali, pro animabus fundatorum, patronorum, et benefactorum ejusdem, perpetuis temporibus, celebrantes, quorum unus erit dicti hospitalis Magister sive Custos; qui quidem Magister sive Custos, ibidem sumendus sive eligendus, quociens ipsum hospitale vacare contigerit, ad præsentacionem patroni ejusdem hospitalis cujuscumque, qui pro tempore fuerit, per Dominum Archiepiscopum Cantuariensem et ejus auctoritate sede Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis plena, et, ipsa vacante per Priorem et Capitulum dictæ Ecclesiæ, instituetur et inducetur in eodem. Et eciam quod in dicto hospitali residenciam faciat corporalem, nisi pro negociis ipsius hospitalis, vel alias ex causa racionabili, ipsum oporteat aliquociens absentari. Qui eciam Capellanus, in Magistrum sive Custodem dicti hospitalis admissus, in institucione sive admissione sua hujusmodi, seu sal-

tim in sua inductione in possessionem corporalem hospitalis supradicti, corporale, ad Sancta Dei Evangelia, præstet juramentum, quod domos, terras, redditus, possessiones, et jura ipsius hospitalis, tam nova quam antiqua, juxta posse suum viriliter conservabit et defendet, et sine vasto salvo custodiet, ordinacionemque præsentem in omnibus fideliter observabit. Ordino insuper et volo, quod quilibet Magister sive Custos hujusmodi, qui pro tempore fuerit, unum ad se capiet Capellanum idoneum, quem in socium suum duxerit eligendum, ad morandum cum eo in hospitali prædicto, qui suus erit commensalis; cui quidem Capellano, ultra victum suum, quadraginta solidos sterlingorum, de bonis ipsius hospitalis, in moneta currenti idem Magister ministrabit annuatim. Totum vero residuum bonorum et emolumentorum dicti hospitalis habebit et percipiet Magister supradictus, pro sustentacione sua, et suorum ac hospitalis antedicti jurium, ac aliorum onerum sibi incumbencium occasione hospitalis antedicti. Ita quod ibidem non fiet vastum vel destructio ut præfertur. Liceat insuper Magistro dicti hospitalis, suum socium Capellanum, quociens opus fuerit et causa racionabilis hoc exposcerit, a dicto hospitali penitus amovere, et alium idoneum loco suo ibidem subrogare et præficere. Ita tamen quod semper sint ibidem duo Capellani commorantes, videlicet, Magister et socius suus commensalis, ut est dictum; qui pro animabus fundatorum patronorum, et omnium benefactorum ipsius hospitalis, cessante impedimento legitimo, cotidie celebrabunt, et simul in capella ipsius hospitalis matutinas, et alias horas canonicas, Placebo, et Dirige, cum commendacione animarum dicent, nisi racionabiliter fuerint excusati. Præterea ordino et volo quod quilibet Magister sive Custos hospitalis prædicti, infra decem dies proximos postquam inductus

fuerit in possessionem ejusdem, tam de visu et sciencia patroni ipsius hospitalis vel alicujus per ipsum ad hoc deputati, quam de visu et sciencia alterius Capellani, sui, videlicet, commensalis, fidele faciat et plenum inventarium indentatum de omnibus et singulis bonis, rebus, et catallis ipsius hospitalis, inibi existentibus et repertis, ad illud pertinentibus qualitercumque; cujus una pars penes dictum Magistrum et Custodem, et alia pars ejusdem penes ipsum patronum remanebit; qui quidem Magister, singulis bienniis, de omnibus bonis, et rebus, ac catallis supradictis, ac eciam de administracione sua ibidem facta, loci Ordinario, vel Domino Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi qui erit pro tempore, vel alicui ad hoc deputato per eundem, juxta juris exigenciam compotum reddet sive racionem. Item: volo et ordino quod cum Magister dicti Hospitalis in fata decesserit, vel per permutacionem seu alias ab ipso hospitali se transtulerit aut amotus fuerit, bona et catalla omnia ipsius hospitalis, seu ad illud qualitercumque pertinencia, penes ipsum hospitale integre remaneant ad usum et utilitatem ejusdem, futuro Magistro sive Custodi hospitalis antedicti in eventu plenius liberanda. De aliis vero bonis et catallis ipsius Magistri sive Custodis, sibi aliunde obvenientibus seu per ipsum adquisitis, disponat idem Magister, tam in vita sua quam in morte, juxta suæ libitum voluntatis. Insuper volo et ordino, quod quilibet patronus hospitalis antedicti, qui pro tempore fuerit, unum Capellanum idoneum, quociens ipsum hospitale vacare contigerit, infra duos menses a tempore notæ vacacionis ejusdem, Domino Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi qui pro tempore fuerit Sede Cantuariensis Ecclesiæ plena, ipsa vero sede vacante Dominis Priori et Capitulo dictæ Ecclesiæ, ad dictum hospitale præsentabit; per ipsum, seu ipsos, in Magistrum et Custodem dicti hospitalis

admittendum. Alioquin, si patronus prædictus Capellanum hujusmodi infra dictum tempus non præsentaverit ut præfertur, volo et concedo ego, Johannes filius Roberti Fraunceys sæpedictus, pro me heredibus et assignatis meis, quod Jurati Villæ de Romenale supradictæ, vel major pars eorum, potestatem præsentandi personam idoneam ad dictum hospitale habeant ea vice. Ita tamen quod infra mensem proximam tunc sequentem Capellanum hujusmodi præsentent modo supradicto. Et si contingat quod Magister sive Custos prædictus non ceperit sibi alium socium Capellanum, ut est dictum, tunc idem Magister distribuet inter pauperes villæ supradictæ, pro quolibet quarterio anni quo Capellanum socium non habuerit, viginti tres solidos et quatuor denarios, per visum Juratorum villæ antedictæ. In quorum omnium et singulorum testimonium ego Johannes filius Roberti Frauneeys prædictus sigillum meum præsentibus apposui, et nichilominus sigillum commune Baronum Villæ de Romenale prædictæ hiis apponi procuravi. Data apud Romenale quoad consignacionem præsencium vicesimo die Junii anno Domini M^oCCC^o sexagesimo tercio, etc. Hiis testibus Henrico Lewes, Willelmo Holynbroke, Jacobo Colebrond, Johanne Colebrond, Johanne Roger, Johanne Lynot, Jacobo atte Capele, Matheo atte More, Daniele Rouge clerico de Romenale, et multis aliis.' Post quarum quidem litterarum lecturam et intellectum, fuimus cum ingenti et devota instancia deprecatorie requisiti, quatinus ordinata et contenta in litteris memoratis, omnia et singula, ratificare et confirmare, quatenus ad nos attineret, pro majori firmitatis robore dignaremur. Nos igitur, devocionem sinceram dicti Johannis Frauneeys intuentes, considerantesque per præmissa divini cultus augmentum provide procurari, judicantes insuper longe fore laudabilius fructus, redditus,

The Archbishop's letters resumed.

et proventus dicti hospitalis in usus cedere cantariæ hujusmodi perpetuæ, seu presbiterorum divina imperpetuum inibi celebraturorum, quam in privatos usus aliorum, præsertim minime salutares, converti, quin pocius consumi, sicut multis retroactis temporibus fieri nequiter est consuetum; et potissime cum, propter causas in præfatis litteris expressatas et alias, teneri nequeat[1] ulterius in dicto hospitali, juxta primævam ordinacionem ejusdem prætensam, hospitalitas leprosorum, litteras prædictas, omniaque et singula in eisdem ordinata et contenta ut præmittitur, propter præmissa et alia motiva sufficiencia nos ad hoc inducentes, auctoritate nostra ordinaria, quantum in nobis est, ratificamus, approbamus, et, tenore præsencium, confirmamus. In cujus rei, etc. Data apud Cherryng idibus Novembris, anno Domini M°CCC° sexagesimo tercio, et nostræ consecracionis quartodecimo. Quibus quidem confirmacioni, ratificacioni, et approbacioni, per reverendum patrem supradictum factis ceterisque præmissis omnibus et singulis, quatenus ad nos attinet, nostrum præbemus assensum, tenore præsencium. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi, decimo die mensis Februarii, anno Domini M°CCC°LXIIJ°."

The ratification by the Chapter resumed.

13 April 1363.

Cart. Ant. O. 129.

899.—TENOR FUNDACIONIS COLLEGII CANTUARIENSIS OXONIÆ.

Archbishop Islip announces

Sapiencia Dei patris per uterum Beatæ Virginis volens prodire in publicum, sicut ætate proficere voluit sic graciæ et sapienciæ suæ munera paulative

[1] *tenere nequeant*, MS.

aliis proficiendo, secundum processum ætatis suæ, magis ac magis realiter ostendebat, ut aliis qui ab ejus plenitudine fuerant particulariter sapienciam recepturi, prius humiliter addiscerent et proficiendo crescerent in doctrina, postquam quod sic didiscerint aliis salubriter revelarent. Quia igitur per sapienciam sic, non absque sudore et laboribus, adquisitam reguntur regna, et in justicia confoventur, Ecclesia militans germinat et sua diffundit tentoria, nos Simon, permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. ad hæc sæpius revolventes intima cordis nostri, ac considerantes viros in omni sciencia doctos et expertos in epidemiis præteritis plurimum defecisse, paucissimosque propter defectum exhibicionis ad præsens insistere studio litterarum; de magnificæ Trinitatis gracia et meritis Beati Thomæ Martiris patroni nostri firmiter confidentes, de bonis nobis a Deo collatis, Aulam quandam scolarium, in Universitate Oxoniæ et nostræ provinciæ, de consensu et licencia serenissimi Principis nostri Edwardi Regis Angliæ illustris, in loco quem ad hoc nostris sumptibus comparavimus, construximus et fundavimus, quam pro duodenario studencium numero duximus ordinandam. In partem igitur dotis et sustentacionis ipsius Collegii octo hospicia conductiva, juxta situm loci in quo habitacionem habemus studencium assignavimus consistentia, quæ gravibus sumptibus nostris et expensis propterea specialiter adquisivimus, per hanc cartam nostram conferimus et donamus et eciam assignamus; manerium de Wodeford Lincolniensis diœcesis, ad prædilectum nepotem nostrum Willelmum de Islep spectans, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis eidem Collegio procuravimus insuper assignari. In cujus, etc. Data apud Maghefeld, idus Aprilis, anno Domini M°CCC^mo^LXIIJ°; et nostræ consecracionis xiiij^mo^.

the foundation and endowment of his new College in Oxford.

(1363.) L. 58 *b*.

Some person in authority (the Lord Warden) having appointed a meeting, at the usual place for holding the Romney Marsh Courts, on a day inconvenient to the Prior, he is asked to postpone it for a fortnight.

900.—Littera missa ad prolongandum diem super negotiis tangentibus Mariscum apud Promhull.

Cher amy, pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe vous avez assignez un jour a Promhull, cest assavoir y ceo Mardy prochein, davoir un veredist sur les busoignes tochauntes le marreis illoqes; al queil jour nous ne pooms y estre ne envoier, pur certeins enchesons qi especialment nous touchent, vous prioms cherement, qe vous vuillez delaier le dit jour par une quinzeme, issint qe nous puissoms meuz estre avisez de la dite matiere, pur lamour de nous. A Dieu.

(1363.) L. 58 *b*.

A letter sent to some man of influence in Christ Church, asking him to induce the Prior and Chapter to consent to an exchange of benefices.

901.—Littera rogatoria missa amico pro beneficiis ecclesiasticis ad invicem permutandis.

Reverentiam et honorem. Carissime, quia amicus meus, hujus lator, Dominus Thomas Kendale rector ecclesiæ Sancti Augustini juxta ecclesim Sancti Pauli, et Dominus Thomas Arch rector ecclesiæ Sancti Leonardi in Estchepe, Londoniæ, cujus quidem ecclesiæ Sancti Leonardi Domini Prior et Conventus Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis patroni existunt, intendunt, certis de causis legitimis, ad invicem permutare; vestram amicitiam ex corde requiro, quatinus erga dictos dominos Priorem et Conventum instare velitis, et[1] hujus latoris sic negotium promovere, ut ipsum ad dictam ecclesiam Sancti Leonardi velint ex causa permutationis hujusmodi præsentare. Tantum, si placet, facientes, quod hunc latorem non oporteat erga

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[1] *in*, MS.

900.

Dear Friend, whereas we have understood that you have assigned a meeting-day at Promhill, that is to say next Tuesday, for the purpose of obtaining decisions on matters touching the Marsh; on which day we shall neither be able to be present or to send a proxy, on account of certain reasons which especially affect us, we pray you earnestly that you will be pleased, for love of us, to postpone the said meeting-day for a fortnight, so that we may be better informed on the said matter. Adieu, &c.

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ipsos Priorem et Conventum decetero laborare. Vos conservet Altissimus per tempora diutina. Script., etc.

902.—LITTERA APPROPRIACIONIS DE ECCLESIA DE PAGHAM. 11 May 1363. II. 101 *b*.

Universis, etc. Symon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc., salutem, et perpetuam rei gestæ memoriam, cum benedictione dexteræ Dei Salvatoris. Quociens ad penuriam studencium in famosa et peramabili Universitate Oxoniæ, nostræ Cantuariensis provinciæ, mentis intuitum dirigimus, tociens cordis nostri viscera doloris gladio sauciantur. Hæc enim, sicut stella cœli, vernancia seminis sui germina multiplicare, et sicut vinea Israelitica, quondam de Ægypto translata, palmites suos et propagines per universum orbem diffundere, paucis etiam annis transactis consueverat, formositate Rachel simul et

Archbishop Islip, for the better endowment of Canterbury College in Oxford, appropriates to it the rectory of Pagham in Sussex, the Prior

and Chapter of Christ Church approving.

fœcunditate Lie divitius adornata; sed, provocantibus demeritis nostris, aggravata manus Domini, tam copiosam tamque fructuosam propaginem quasi in manipulum frondium, geminato ruinæ pestilencialis impetu, redigebat. Nos igitur peramabili filiæ nostræ, adeo lacrymosa infœcunditate laboranti, interno compacionis affectu, et in aliqualem ipsius consolacionem aliquot sibi soboles ad[d]icere cupientes, quandam Aulam collegiatam, sub certo studiencium numero, vocabulo Aulæ Cantuariensis stabilitam, infra tentorii sui metas fundavimus, possessiones temporales, propterea per nos adquisitas, eisdem Aulæ et Studentibus in dotem perpetuam assignando; sane ex parte dictæ Aulæ Custodis et Studencium nobis extitit significatum, quod possessiones prædictæ pro ipsorum Studencium sustentacione congrua, et aliis ejusdem Aulæ seu Collegii supportandis oneribus, non sufficiunt nec sufficere poterunt in futurum; propter quod nobis humiliter supplicarunt, quatinus ecclesiam parochialem de Pagham, nostrorum patronatus et jurisdictionis immediatæ, eis et eorum Collegio in usus proprios concedere dignaremur. Nos igitur, volentes eorum necessitati consulere et utilitati providere, ipsorum supplicacionibus, tanquam justis et racioni consonis, inclinati, præhabito super præmissis et ea concernentibus solempni ac diligenti tractatu cum reverendis et religiosis viris Priore et Capitulo Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, jurisque ordine qui in hac parte requirebatur in omnibus observato, de consilio consensu, et assensu eorum, præfatam ecclesiam de Pagham, cum suis membris, juribus, et pertinenciis universis, præfatis Aulæ, Collegio, et Studentibus, eorumque successoribus appropriamus, annectimus, et unimus; ipsamque in usus proprios eorundem concedimus in perpetuum possidendam; adjicientes et concedentes ipsis Custodi et Studentibus plenam potestatem et liberam ut, cedente vel decedente seu alias qualitercumque

dimittente rectore dictæ ecclesiæ qui de præsenti incumbit, ipsam ecclesiam et ejus possessionem auctoritate præsencium, per se, alium, vel alios, ingredi, obvenciones, redditus, et proventus ejusdem quoscumque percipere ac de eisdem libere disponere valeant; nulla alia licencia seu auctoritate, loci Ordinarii aut alterius cujuscumque, super hoc petita aliqualiter seu obtenta; salvis tamen vicariis perpetuis dictæ parochialis ecclesiæ, et capellæ de Berghstede, capellaniæque perpetuæ de Boganore, eidem ecclesiæ annexis, porcionibus ab olim eisdem perpetuo assignatis, reservataque nobis et successoribus nostris utriusque vicariæ et capellaniæ hujusmodi collacione, prout ad nos et prædecessores nostros pertinere solebat temporibus retroactis. In quorum, etc. Data in Domo nostro Capitulari Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, quinto idus Maii, anno Domini M^o^CCC^mo^LXIIJ^o^. Et nos Robertus Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis prædictæ, etc. ex certa sciencia, approbamus, etc. Data in Domo nostra Capitulari mense die et anno supradictis.

903.—CARTA WILLELMI ISLEP DE MANERIO SUO DE WODEFORD DATUM AD COLLEGIUM NOSTRUM OXONIÆ.

4 June 1363.

Cart. Ant. O. 128.

William Islip bestows his Manor of Woodford, in Northamptonshire, upon Archbishop Islip's new Canterbury College in Oxford.

Sciante præsentes et futuri, quod ego Willelmus de Islep, ad instanciam domini mei Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. dedi, concessi, et hac præsenti carta mea confirmavi Custodi et Clericis Aulæ collegiatæ Cantuariensis, per ipsum dominum meum in Universitate Oxoniæ noviter fundatæ, manerium meum quod habeo in Wodeford, cum omnibus suis pertinenciis in Comitatu Northamtoniæ; habendum et tenendum prædictum manerium, cum omnibus suis terris, pratis, pascuis, pasturis, redditibus, homagiis, serviciis, stagnis, vivariis, aquis, molendinis, gardinis, columbariis, cum omnibus aliis suis

pertinenciis prædictis, Custodi et Clericis et eorum successoribus imperpetuum; tenendum de capitalibus dominis feodi per servicia inde debita et de jure consueta. In cujus rei, etc. Hiis testibus: Venerabili in Christo patre Domino Willelmo Dei gracia Roffensi Episcopo, Magistro Nicholao de Chaddesden Legum Doctore Cancellario, Domino Johanne Waleys Milite, Domino Thoma de Wolton Senescallo terrarum, et Willelmo Islep Cruciferario dicti Domini Archiepiscopi, et multis aliis. Et ad majorem securitatem præmissorum, ego Willelmus de Islep supradictus præsentem cartam subscripcione et signi apposicione Magistri Ricardi Wodelond, clerici, Notarii auctoritate apostolica publici, etc., ad requisicionem meam specialem feci et optinui communiri. Data apud Maghefeld, quarto die mensis Junii, anno Domini M°CCC°LXIIJ°.

Et ego Ricardus Wodelond, etc. dictam cartam audivi, etc. et hic me subscripsi, et signum meum apposui præsentibus consuetum, etc.

13 June 1363.

L. 93 *b*.

904.—PROCURATORIUM FACTUM PER ROBERTUM PRIOREM VENERABILIBUS VIRIS MAGISTRIS THOMÆ DE PAXTONE SACRI PALACII APOSTOLICI AUDITORI, JOHANNI DYGGS, ET PETRO DE HAKENESSE CLERICIS LYNCOLNNIENSIS ET CANTUARIENSIS DIŒCESIUM IN CURIA ROMANA SUB MANU PUBLICA, PRO CAPITULO GENERALI.

In Dei nomine, amen. Cunctis appareat evidenter per præsens publicum instrumentum, quod anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo CCC^{mo}LXIIJ^{io}, indictione prima, et pontificatus sanctissimi in Christo patris et domini nostri Domini Urbani divina providentia Papæ quinti anno primo, mense Junii, die xiij°, in aula manerii de Southchurch, jurisdictionis immediatæ Domini Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, etc.; reverendus

et religiosus vir Dominus Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis personaliter constitutus, in omnibus litibus, etc. ad Romanam Curiam legitime devolutis, etc. venerabiles viros Magistros Thomam de Paxtone sacri palatii apostolici Auditorem, Johannem Dyggs, et Petrum Hakenesse, clericos Cantuariensis et Lyncolniensis diœcesium, suos veros et legitimos procuratores, etc. ordinavit fecit et constituit, etc. etc.

905.—LITTERA MISSA MAGISTRO JOHANNI DYGGS IN CURIA ROMANA COMMORANTI, CONTINENS CAPITULUM GENERALE ET PROCURATORIA SUPRADICTA. 15 June (1363). L. 94 *a*.

Amice carissime. Scire velitis quod felicis recordationis Dominus Innocentius, prædecessor immediatus domini nostri Papæ qui nunc est, ad petitionem Abbatis Sancti Albani, declaravit, quod ea quæ tenentur in constitutionibus Benedictinis, editis circa statum nigrorum monachorum, de Prioribus ecclesiarum cathedralium ad Priores etiam ecclesiarum metropolitanarum extendantur, et in eis observentur. Cujus declarationis prætextu, præfatus Abbas et ceteri præsidentes Capitulo provinciali nigrorum monachorum in Anglia nitunt nos artare in dicto Capitulo comparere, et in eodem cum aliis Abbatibus et Prioribus convenire; licet omnes prædecessores nostri, Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis Priores, fuerunt et nos fuerimus, a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria non existit, liberi et immunes a jurisdictione, auctoritate, et potestate quacumque præsidentium dicti Capituli, et in possessione juris, vel quasi libertatis et immunitatis hujusmodi, pacifice et quiete omni tempore supradicto. Et videtur nobis quod declaratio hujusmodi nos nullo modo concernit, quia: *quæ se habent per modum principis non includuntur sub aliquibus verbis nisi nominatim seu spe-*

The instructions sent to the Proctor of the Convent at the Curia.

cialiter exprimantur; sed Ecclesia primatialis, qualis est Ecclesia Cantuariensis, et legationis Sedis Apostolicæ etiam insignita, est princeps ecclesiarum metropolitanarum (xxj. distinctio, capitulum *Cleros*. xij. distinctio, capitulum *Nos consuetudinem*); ergo Ecclesia Cantuariensis primatialis sub nomine ecclesiarum metropolitanarum non includitur quovismodo, et sic nos, Priorem Ecclesiæ primatialis, dicta declaratio non concernit; junctis legibus quæ faciunt, quod ea quæ se habent pro modo capitis seu principis, etc. (c. de aquæ ductu. l. eos. li°. xj°. pp. de le. iij. l. ambobus. x. de præbendis. c. quamvis. li°. vj. cum finibus). Scituri, quod pleniores allegationes, et informationes in hac parte, una cum appellatione, per nos ad Sedem Apostolicam interponenda, a gravaminibus per dictos præsidentes nobis, ut comminantur, celeriter inferendis, vobis ad Curiam, opportuno tempore, transmittemus; mittimus insuper vobis, per harum bajulum, duo procuratoria, unum pro audientia causarum, aliud pro audientia contradictarum, in quibus venerabilem virum Thomam de Paxtone sacri palatii Auditorem, vos, et Magistrum Petrum de Hakenesse, cum quibus communicetis præmissa, nostros constituimus procuratores, conjunctim et divisim, prout in eisdem procuratoriis seriosius continetur. Successus prosperos et votivos tribuat vobis Altissimus ad honores. Scriptum apud Southchurch xv° die mensis Junii.

Consimilis littera fuit missa Magistro Petro de Hakenesse, etc.

10 July 1363.

L. 57 *a*.

906.—Acquietancia facta executoribus Episcoporum pro capis professionalibus solutis Ecclesiæ.

The Chapter acknowledge the pay-

Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, omnibus præsentes litteras inspecturis salutem, etc. Cum de prærogativa Ec-

clesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, ac de consuetudine legitime præscripta, a tempore et per tempus cujus contrarii memoria hominum non existit inconcusse et pacifice observata, omnes et singuli suffraganei Cantuariensis provinciæ unam capam, professionalem communiter appellatam, ratione professionis eorundem, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensi solvere teneantur; noveritis nos recipisse discretis viris Magistro Thoma Bradewell rectore ecclesiæ de Schoreham, immediatæ jurisdictionis reverendissimi patris nostri Domini Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis, [et] Dominis Roberto de Plesele et Stephano Randulff de Southflete et Coudenn ecclesiarum rectoribus, Roffensis diœcesis, executoribus testamenti bone memoriæ Fratris Johannis de Scapeya nuper Roffensis Episcopi defuncti, dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis suffraganei dum vixit, unam capam professionalem hujusmodi competentem, decentem, et honestam, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensi, ratione professionis suæ, debitam ab eodem defuncto. De qua quidem capa præfatos executores acquietamus, ac omni actioni quam habuimus erga eosdem occasione capæ ejusdem renunciamus. In cujus, etc. Data in Domo nostro Capitulari Cantuariensi vj^to idus Julii, anno Domini MCCCLXIIJ.

ment of professional copes by the executors of two Bishops who were dead at the time of payment.

11 July (1363).

Consimilis acquietancia facta fuit executoribus Domini Michaelis de Northburgh nuper Episcopi Londoniensis, de una capa professionali.

L. 59 *a*.

From the Prior of Christ Church to a monk (Treasurer ?) of Tynterne in Ireland. A person, describing himself as Abbot Elect of Tyntern, has by

907.—HIBERNIA.

Salutem et prosperos ad vota successus. Scire velitis, quod quidam Frater Willelmus Welsche, asserens se[1] in Abbatem Monasterii De Voto in Hibernia, in nostra præsentia et confratrum nostrorum constitutus,

[1] *electum* is probably omitted.

word of mouth, promised to pay the pension in which Tynterne is bound to Christ Church, and therefore the Prior requires the monk of Tyntern to see that this promise is kept, under penalty of farther proceedings.

bona fide promisit, quod de cetero annuam pensionem xiij. marcarum, a vobis et vestro monasterio nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensi, debitam, termino consueto, ac arreragia ejusdem, celeriter, saltem infra breves terminos, nobis persolvet, absque moræ diffugio et fraude quacumque; unde vobis consulimus, et vos in Domino exortamur, quatinus ea quæ ipse promisit, ad graviora pericula in hac parte vobis imminentia consultius evitanda, studeatis absque dissimulationis commento efficaciter adimplere; scientes pro certo, quod in prosecutione negotii nostri hujusmodi, quod insidet nobis cordi, deinceps non erimus tepidi aut remissi, sed idem negotium fastidiosis laboribus ferventius celeriter [1] persequemur. Ad sanctæ religionis augmentum semper in Domino feliciter valeatis. Script. Cant. xj^{mo} die Julii.

(1363.)

L. 59 *a*.

909.—Littera regratiatoria et supplicatoria pro clerico recipiendo ad habitum monachalem. Pro R. Stystede.

A person (probably Bailiff of the Convent at Stisted), recommends a candidate for the monastic habit.

Treshonure Seignur, jeo moy recomaunk a vous en qantque jeo say ou puisse, come cely qest, et touts jours serra, entierement tout le vostre. Treshonure Seignur, pur ceo qe Richard de Stistede, portour de cestes, desire entierement de tout son quoer de estre un moigne en vostre maison de Cantorbirs, et illoqes de mener reli[gi]ous vie en le honour de Dieu et de Seynt Thomas toutz les jours de sa vie; il mey pria, en oevre de charite, qe jeo vous voley maunder une lettre de la matiere susdite. Pur quey, treshonure Seignur, vous requoer, auxi entierement comment jeo

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[1] *celito*, MS.

908.—Hibernia.

(July 1363.)

L. 59 *b*.

The Prior introduces Abbot Walsh, of Tynterne, to the Archbishop.

Pater et domine reverende, vestram dominationem reverendam attente rogamus, quatinus negotia Abbatem De Voto in Hibernia contingentia, vobis per eundem seriosius exponenda, dignemini, si libeat, caritatis intuitu, expedire favorabiliter et benigne; providentes si placeat, secundum suggesta in hac parte, de remedio opportuno, ut dignis laudibus in Domino valeatis merito commendari. Semper ad Ecclesiæ suæ regimen vos conservet in prosperis Trinitas indivisa.

909.

Most honoured Lord, I recommend me to you in all that I know and can, as one who is, and will always be entirely yours. Most honoured Lord, whereas Richard of Stisted, bearer of these, desires earnestly with all his heart to be a monk in your House at Canterbury, there to live a life of religion, in honour of God and of St. Thomas, all the days of his life; he has asked me, as an act of charity, to be pleased to send you a letter on the above-mentioned subject. Wherefore, most honoured Lord, I pray, as earnestly as I can, that you will, if you please, receive him graciously, so that he may be able

puisse, qe vous lui voilletz, si vous please, resceyver graciousement, qil porra viver sayntement come il desir; qar son quoer est entierement donez a vostre mayson. Treshonure Seignur Dieu par sa houte puissaunce vous ottroie bone vie et longe; et come jeo suy osee de vous prier, vous requer qe vous moy voillez maunder vos voluntes, par le portour de cestes. Escript, etc.

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3 Nov. 1363.

H. 100 *b*.

910.—Littera licenciæ facta Gilberto de Hilles et Hamoni atte Halle pro cantaria faciENDA.

The Chapter of Canterbury, as Lords of the Manor, grant a licence permitting a rent and a messuage at Challock to be appropriated to a new chantry in Godmersham Church.

Noverint universi, etc. quod nos Prior et Capitulum, etc. licenciam dedimus Gilberto atte Helles, quod ipse dare et concedere possit duas marcas annui et perpetui redditus in dominio nostro apud Challoke Domino Johanni de Folkyngham, capellano perpetuæ cantariæ Beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia de Godmersham noviter ordinatæ; et Hamoni atte Halle, quod ipse dare et concedere possit duo messuagia in Godmersham apud Le Forde, et unum messuagium, centum et quater viginti acrarum terræ, bosci, et pasturæ, cum suis pertinenciis, quas de nobis tenet apud Challoke, præfato Domino Johanni Capellano dictæ cantariæ; habenda et tenenda, etc. eidem Johanni capellano et successoribus suis imperpetuum, per servicia nobis inde debita et consueta; reddendo etiam nobis annuatim, de dono et consensu dicti Hamonis, ad festa Paschæ et Michaelis, in Curia nostra de Godmersham, tres solidos et quatuor denarios de novo redditu, per æquales porciones, pro nostra licencia antedicta; pro

as he desires to live holily; for his heart is wholly dedicated to your House. Most honoured Lord, may God by his mighty power confer upon you a good and a long life; and, as I have now ventured to ask you this favour, I beg that you will inform me of your will by the bearer of these. Written, &c.

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quibus nobis libere licebit distringere, de consensu ejusdem Hamonis, etc. cum post prædicta festa, etc. aliquid eorundem a retro fuerit, etc. Data apud Cantuariam, in crastino Commemoracionis Animarum, anno regni Regis Edwardi tercii xxxvij^mo^.

8 Jan. 1364.

911.—Prima præsentacio cantariæ de Godmersham. H. 101 *b*.

The Chapter, to whom the presentation belongs by the terms of the foundation deed, present the first chaplain to the Godmersham chantry.

Reverendo in Christo patri, etc. Domino Simoni, etc. Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc. vestri humiles et devoti Prior et Capitulum, etc. Ad cantariam perpetuam Beatæ Mariæ in ecclesia parochiali de Godmersham, etc. noviter ordinatam, ad nostram præsentacionem, per ipsius cantariæ ordinacionem, spectantem, dilectum, etc. Johannem de Folkyngham, etc. præsentamus, etc. Data, etc. viij^vo^ die Januarii, anno Domini M^o^CCC^o^LXIIJ.

(1363.) L. 58 *b*.

912.—Littera supplicatoria missa amico pro negotiis suis expediendis. Domino Waltero de Aldesby.

The Prior (?) asks the countenance of some influential friend in the interest of one of his servants.

Trescher et tresfiable amy, porce qe Janekyn Fromont, nostre cher vadlet, portour de y cestes, ad affaire de vous pur certeignes busoignes qi especialement lui touchent, quieles il vous savera pleinement dire par bouche, droit effectuoussement vous requerroms, qen meismes les busoignes lui vuillez estre aidant et conseillant, pur lamour de nous; issint qil puisse entierement sentir qe mieux lui soit par encheson de ceste nostre requeste. Et trescher Sire, a mal ne vuillez prendre qe nous vous chargeoms taunt, et si sovent, de prieres. Cher Sire et amy, Dieu vous donit saunete, et joye de quantqe vous amez, et volunte, bien par temps, visiter le glorious martir Seint Thomas. Escript, etc.

(1363.) L. 58 *b*.

913.—Beneficia et largitiones Capituli Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis concessa Magistro J. Wymborne clerico.

Letter of confraternity granted to a secular person who has been useful to the Monastery, probably as a legal adviser.

Universis, etc. Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, salutem in Domino sempiternam. Beneficiorum largitiones quas nobis Magister Johannes de Wymborne, clericus, frater et benefactor noster, frequenti devotione contulit nos movent et inducunt, ut in retributionem spiritualem sibi respondeamus in orationibus devotius astricti. Noveritis igitur, nos concessisse eidem, quod, cum dies vocationis suæ nobis innotuerit, officium solempne fiet pro eo in conventu sicut pro uno Archiepiscopo nostro fieri consuevit, et quilibet sacerdos Ecclesiæ nostræ cantabit pro eo,

912.

Very dear and right trusty friend, whereas Janekyn Fromont, our dear servant, bearer of these, has business with you on certain matters which especially concern him, which he will be able to tell you plainly by word of mouth; we beg you most affectionately (?), that, for love of us, you will help and advise him in the said matters; so that he may with certainty feel that his case is helped through this our request. And, very dear Sieur, do not take it ill that we so much and so often trouble you by asking favours. Dear Sieur and friend, may God give you health and joy to your utmost desire, with an inclination within a short time to visit the glorious Martyr St. Thomas. Written, &c.

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eadem die si fieri potest, vel die altera competentiori, missam specialem; ceteri vero inferioris ordinis psalmos dicent quinquaginta; et sic de anno in annum anniversarii ejus dies in ecclesia nostra imperpetuum celebrabitur. Concessimus etiam eidem, ut particeps sit omnium bonorum et beneficiorum quæ in nostra fiunt, et imperpetuum fient, Ecclesia. Statuimus etiam, ex singulari devotione, quod nomen ipsius in Martilogio nostro annotabitur, singulis annis recitandum, et sicut pro uno fratre defuncto per totam Angliam deferendum; ut in singulis capitulis religiosorum anima ejus plenius absolvatur. Concessimus etiam eidem, quod die anniversarii sui expendentur in refectorio nostro quadraginta solidos in usus Conventus, quos idem Conventus recipiet per manus Custodis anniversariorum annuatim. In cujus, etc. Dat., etc. Anno, etc.

(1363.)
L. 59 *a.*
The Prior (?) recommends a friend who has a lawsuit in hand to the judge (probably the Commissary of the diocese) who will try it. The complainant is described as being always at the service of any of the Kentish gentry who have business in the royal Exchequer.

914.—Littera supplicatoria pro amico.

Trescher Sire et cher amy, nous vous priomps entierement de qoer come nous plus poomps, qe a nostre cher et bien amee clerk James Palmer, portour de cestes, a qi nous sumes grantement tenuz, voilletz estre, par reson de nous, bon Seignur et entier amy, eydaunt, gracious, et favorable, de ceo qil ad affaire devers vous par reson dun debat parentre lui et le Mestre de la Meson Dieu et Dovorre; issint, trescher Sire, qe le dit James, parmy vostre graciouse eyde eit reson et favour, et qe soun honur soit sauve, par reson de ceste nostre priere; car certeynement, Sire, nous osomps bien dire et tesmoigner de dit James, qi ad demore ovesqe nous plus de ses ditz[1] anns a nos robes, qil est leny,[2] et de bone part, et qil ne soi voleit pleyndre de nulli saunz graunt cause et resonable. Et, trescher Sire, outre ceo, nous vous fassomps asavoir, qe le dit James est auxi come un comun servaunt as touz les bons seignurs et gentz de Kent qi ount affaire en lescheqier nostre Seignur le Roy, pur quei, trescher Sire, si pleisir vous soit il coment qe vous pregnez sa bosoigne le plus a qoer. Treschere Sire, le Seynt Esprit vous eit toutz jours en sa garde, et, Sire, come nous affioms en vous, nous vous prioms entierement de qoer qe ceste nostre priere voilletz mesner a bon fyn, al honur et profist le dit James, nostre clerk.

12 Jan. 1364.
L. 60 *b.*
The Bailiff and Bedel

915.—Littera attornatus en Fraunceys.

As toutz ceux qi cestes lettres verront ou orront, Robert par la soeffraunce de Dieu Priour del Esglise

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[1] *ces dix années?* | [2] Lat. *lenis?*

914.

Very dear Sieur and dear friend, we pray you most heartily, as earnestly as we can, that you will, for our sake, be good Lord and true friend to our dear and well beloved clerk James Palmer, bearer of these letters, to whom we are under great obligation; and be helpful, gracious, and favourable to him in the business which he has to transact before you, in the matter of a controversy between him and the Master of the Maison Dieu at Dover; so that, very dear Sieur, the said James, through your gracious help, may obtain justice and favour; and that his honour may be saved as a consequence of this our prayer. For truly, Sieur, we venture to say and to testify concerning the said James, who has dwelt with us for more than these ten years as keeper of our wardrobe (?), that he is gentle and well disposed, and that he would never complain of anyone without great and just cause. And, very dear Sieur, besides this, we give you to understand that the said James is as good as a general agent to all the good gentry and the people of Kent when they have business in the Exchequer of Our Lord the King, wherefore, very dear Sieur, may it please you to take his business the more to heart. Very dear Sieur, may the Holy Spirit ever have you in his keeping; and, Sieur, since we trust so entirely in you, we earnestly pray you from our heart that you will kindly bring this matter to a good end, for the honour and profit of our clerk, the said James.

915.

To all those who shall see or hear these letters, Robert by God's permission Prior of the Church of Canterbury

of Merstham are empowered to collect payments due to Christ Church in Surrey.

de Cauntorbirs, salutz en Dieu. Sachez qe nous avoms ordinez et assignez noz chers en Dieu Johan atte Theghe, nostre Bailliff de Merstham, et Johan Payn, nostre Bedel illeosqes, noz attournez, juntement et severalment, a demandier et recevire argent ou or, par acquietaunce, taille, ou endenture, faitz ou levez des ministres le honurable Seignur Counte Darondell, et des autres quecunqes, pur ysor[1] as eux venduz en nostre seignurie de Cherlewode en le counte de Surrie; eiantz frem et estable ceqe les ditz Johan et Johan ferront, ou un de eux ferra, en noun de nous de toutes choses susdites. En tesmoignaunce, etc. Donez a Cauntorbirs le xij^e^ jour de Janivoir lan du reigne le Roi Edward tiers, etc. xxxvij.

(1364.) L. 57 *b*.

916.—Petitio facta Domino Regi per Johannem Clerk de Apuldre super quibusdam gravaminibus sibi illatis.

A man of Appledore, in a petition to the King, describes an ordinary legal distraint upon his goods as a riotous attack upon his house.

A nostre Seignur le Roi et son Conseil monstre et se pleint Johan Clerk de Apuldre, qe come un Richard atte Reche, Johan son fitz, Thomas Wolblad, Willeame Beaufront, Johan Southlond, Thomas Goldon, Richard Toune, Thomas Bokhurst, Thomas Benet, Henry atte Wauter, Piers Pikebon, et autres desconuz, le jour del Epiphanie darrain passe, au soir, vindrent a la meson du dit Johan Clerk, en la ville de Apuldre el Countee de Kent, et Juliane la femme du dit Johan Clerk, et Johanne sa file, de lour meson traierent, baterent, naufrerent, et malement treterent, les hus des chaumbres de la dite meson bruserent, et ses biens et chatelx, cestassavoir, chivalx, porcs, draps, lynges, emporterent et amenerent, et autres porcs

[1] Sic MS., *see* p. 420.

greeting in God. Know ye that we have appointed and assigned our beloved in God John atte Teghe, our Bailiff of Merstham, and John Payn, our Bedel there, to be our attornies, jointly and severally, for receiving gold or silver, by way of acquittance, tally, or indenture, made or drawn upon the officers of the honourable Earl of Arundel and all other persons, for iron ore sold to them in our lordship of Cherlewood in the County of Surrey; undertaking to ratify all that the said John and John, or either of them, shall do in our name, in connexion with the aforesaid matters.

916.

To our Lord the King and his Council John Clerk of Appledore showeth, that whereas one Richard atte Reche, John his son, Thomas Wolblad, William Beaufront, John Southlond, Thomas Goldon, Richard Toune, Thomas Bokhurst, Thomas Benet, Henry atte Wauter, Peter Pikebon, and other persons unknown, on last Epiphany day, in the evening, came to the dwelling of the said John Clerk, in the town of Appledore in the County of Kent, and dragged Juliana the wife of the said John Clerk, and Joan his daughter, from their house, beat, wounded, and maltreated them; broke the doors of the rooms of the said house, and carried off and led away his goods and chattels, that is to say, horses, hogs, cloth, (and) linen; and other hogs they killed, and

tuwerent, et autres diverses choses et chatelx emporterent; a damage du dit Johan de cent livres; pleise a nostre dit Seignur le Roy et son Conseil, pur les dites persones maundier destre devant vous a respoundre au dit Johan de la matiere susdite, et de faire restitucion de ses biens avantditz, ensemblement ove les damages qeux il ad eu et soeffert par cause del dit trespas.

15 Feb. (1364). L. 57 *b*.

917.—Littera directa Domino Priori per Constabularium Castri de Dovor tangens petitionem supradictam.

The Constable of Dover Castle, as the King's representative, has been ordered to enquire into the above-mentioned riot, but, as the scene is in the fee of the Convent, he declines to interfere.

Honurez Sire, voillez savoir qe un Johan Clerk de Apuldre, portour dicestes, ad de jour en autre pursuwy a nostre Seignur le Roy et a son Conseil, a ceste parlement a Westmoustier, fesant tresgrant pleinte de certeins gentz de Apuldre de vostre seignurie, de certeins trespas faites a lui et a sa femme, come pluis pleinement piert en une bille; la quelle bille nostre dit Seignur le Roy mad mandez encloz deinz ses lettres desouz son prive seall a moy directes, commandant de lures fayre pleine droit et acomplicement de justice en ceo cas, solunc ceo qe ley et reson demandont, parensi qils naveront matere de lurs pluis pleindre pur defaute de droit. Et, Sire, par cause qe le lieu, ou ils soi pleinent le trespas a eux estre fait, est deinz vostre franchise, de qi jeo ne vorroi nullement prendre jurisdiction a moi par mon office, pur chose[s] qi purront estre prejudice a vostre franchise, sil ne serroit en defaute de droit; vous envoi loure dite bille encloz deinz cestes, quelle voillez survier, et sur ceo commander a voz ministres [de] celles parties leurs faire pleine droit, si qe greindre clamour de ceo ne viegne a nostre dit

divers other things they carried away ; to the damage of the said John to the amount of a hundred pounds ; may it please our said Lord the King and his Council to command the said persons to appear befor you, to answer the said John in the aforesaid matter and to make restitution of his goods aforesaid, together with the damages which he has had and suffered by reason of the said trespass.

917.

My honoured Lord, be pleased to learn that one John Clerk of Appledore, bearer of these letters, has from day to day importuned the King and his Council in this present parliament at Westminster, raising a great complaint against certain men of Appledore, in your domain, in the matter of certain trespasses committed upon him and his wife, as more fully appears in his petition; which petition our said Lord the King has sent to me enclosed in letters directed to me under his privy seal, commanding me to do them full right and complete justice, such as law and reason demand, so that they may no more have grounds for complaint through default of law. And, my Lord, seeing that the place wherein they complain the trespass was committed upon them is within your franchise, in which I would by no means assume jurisdiction by reason of my office, on account of matters which might be prejudicial to your liberties, even if it were not contrary to law ; I send you their said petition enclosed in these letters, which please to inspect, and thereupon to command your officials in those parts to do them full right, so that no farther complaint may come to our said Lord the King in the

Seignur le Roy. Honure Sire, Dieu vous voille touz garder. Escript au Chastel de Dover xv jour de Feverier.

(1364.) L. 57 *b.*

918.—Littera responsoria præfato Constabulario super materia proxima præscripta.

The Prior assures the Constable that the distraint mentioned in the two preceding letters was conducted with all legal propriety, but that he has caused all the chattels which the petitioner can legally claim to be restored to him.

Trescher Sire et tresfiable amy, vous plese savoir qe nous resceumes voz lettres nadgaires, pur un Johan Clerk et Juliane sa femme, pur tort et damage as eux fait, auxibien par noz ministres, com par noz tenauntz de Apuldre, sicom ils desount; pur qei vous nous mandastes et consailastes pur mailour, qe nous feissouns droit et resoun as ditz Johan et Juliane de damage as eux fait; et ce par commandement nostre Seignur le Roy. Si vous plese entendre de certein, qe nous avoms fait deliverer as eux toutes choses qils savoient demander ou chalenger par tesmoignaunce de bones gentz du pays; sachantz, cher Sire, de verite, qe lar[r]est [1] et proces faitz en nostre Court de Apuldre countre le dit Johan et sa femme, si furent faitz par ley de la terre, et ce en lour tort, sicom nous sumes enformez par noz ministres. Et si avoms, cher Sire, acomplys [2] vostre commaundement, a reverence de nostre Seignur le Roy et de vous; si vous requerroms, trescher Sire, qe vous voillez avoir recommande nostre Esglise de Cauntorbirs, qest vostre miere Esglise, et ses fraunchises, sauvauntz toutes foiz vostre honur et justice. A Dieu.

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7 Apr. (1364). L. 59 *b.*

919.—Per Episcopum Wyntoniensem pro uno petagogo scolas exercendo.

The Bishop of Winchester

Domine et amice in Christo carissime; amicitiæ lex edocet ei consultissime vulnerum incommoda detegi qui

[1] *la rest*, MS. | [2] *a complys*, MS.

matter. My honoured Lord, may God deign to keep you all. Written at the Castle of Dover the 15th of February.

918.

Very dear Lord and most trusty friend, please to understand that we have lately received your letters on behalf of one John Clerk and his wife Juliana, relating to wrong and damage done to them as well by our officials as by our tenants of Appledore, as they allege; wherefore you have directed and advised us, as for the best, that we should do right and reason to the said John and Juliana for the damage done to them, and this by command of our Lord the King. Now, please to understand certainly, that we have caused to be delivered to them everything which they can in any way demand or claim by the testimony of the good men of the place; being assured, Our dear Lord, that of a verity the distraint and process awarded in our (Manor) Court of Appledore, against the said John and his wife, were so awarded by the law of the land, they being in the wrong, as our officials tell us. And thus, Our dear Lord, we have fulfilled your command with all respect to our Lord the King and to you; and so we beg you, Our very dear Lord, that you will favourably remember our Church of Canterbury (which is your own Mother Church) and her liberties, always without prejudice to your honour and justice.

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opem adhibet seu medelam, et in opportunitatibus suffragia expetit amicorum. Sane, referentibus nobis dilectis filiis parochianis nostris Villæ de Kyngeston, pridem accepimus, quod ipsi informatore seu magistro puerorum eorundem, et aliorum in dictam villam ubi

asks the Prior to let the new Schoolmaster at Kingston-on-Thames.

have the baggage which the Almoner of Christ Church has detained in reprisal; the School-master having engaged himself to the Almonry School, and then having left without giving proper notice.

consueverant scolæ exerceri confluentium, tædiose carentes, cum quodam Hugone de Kyngeston, clerico, de dicta villa oriundo, nuper scolarium in domo Elemosinariæ vestræ dignemini,[1] sicut dicitur, pedagogo, ut informationi et doctrinæ dictorum puerorum et aliorum scolarium in dicta villa intenderet, et scolas publicas gubernaret, primo circiter festum Sancti Michaelis, et postmodum in festo Natalis Domini proximo præterito, conventionem fecerunt et pactum fidele inierunt, dicti Hugonis fidei datione vallata; quæ dictus Hugo, in nostra præsentia constitutus et ad Sancta Dei Evangelia juratus, publice fatebatur; offerens se præmissa omnia fideliter impleturum. Verum cum vester commonachus, Elemosinarius domus vestræ prædictæ, de dicti Hugonis recessu ut accepimus anxius et molestus, quædam ejusdem bona modica arrestaverit seu sequestraverit, et ea detinuerit sequestrata, credens per hoc ipsum Hugonem ad sua obsequia revocare, vestram paternitatem, amicitiæ de cujus integritate fiduciam indubiam reportamus, requirimus et rogamus, quatinus dictum Elemosinarium salutaribus monitionibus dignemini præcipere, ut dicto Hugoni, vel harum bajulo nomine suo, præfata bona restitui et liberari faciat, et eundem Hugonem super non-redditu suo habere velit propentius excusatum; advertentes, si placet, quod de jure creandi sunt de vico populi magistratus, et de eodem loco dandi sunt populi vinitores. Et si quæ penes nos volueritis vestra beneplacita fiducialiter nuntietis. Tribuad[2] vobis Omnipotens in omni prosperitate vitam incolumem et lingneam.[3] Scriptum apud Essche vij° die mensis Aprilis.

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[1] *digno ?*
[2] *sic*, MS
[3] *longam ?*

920.—Processus electionis Priorissæ Sancti Sepulcri Cantuariensis, factæ per Dominum R. Priorem Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, per commissionem sibi directam per Dominum S. Archiepiscopum. 11 Mar. 1366. L. 62 *b*.

Venerabili in Christo patri ac domino, Domino Simoni Dei gratia Cantuariensi Archiepiscopo, etc. vester humilis et devotus Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis, obedientiam, reverentiam, pariter et honorem debitos tanto patri. Vestræ reverendæ paternitatis mandatum nuper recepi, tenorem continens subsequentem: "Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. dilecto filio Fratri Roberto Priori Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis, salutem, gratiam, et benedictionem. Cum nuper Suppriorissa et Conventus monialium Ecclesiæ nostræ Sancti Sepulcri Cantuariæ, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, nostri patronatus, per liberam resignationem Dominæ Ceciliæ de Tonford ultimæ Priorissæ ejusdem, in manus nostras factam, et per nos acceptam, vacantis, ad eligendum idoneam personam in Priorissam dictæ Ecclesiæ, hac vacationis vice, et eam ipsi Ecclesiæ ac dicto Conventui et personis ejusdem, per nos seu alium, canonice providendi de eadem plenam et liberam nobis concesserint, et in nos unanimiter, nulla contradicente, transtulerint potestatem; vobis, de cujus circumspectione et puritate conscienciæ plenam in Domino fiduciam obtinemus, ad eligendum personam idoneam de Conventu supradicto in Priorissam Ecclesiæ antedictæ, sic vacantis, et eidem Ecclesiæ et Conventui ejusdem providendi canonice de eadem, ipsamque personam sic electam in Priorissam ejusdem Ecclesiæ confirmandi, et præficiendi, et eam in sede sua ponendi, et installandi, ac in corporalem possessionem dicti prioratus inducendi, sive induci demandandi, et ipsam sic in-

The Prior reports to the Archbishop that, in obedience to his mandate, he has selected and installed a Prioress of the Convent of St. Sepulchre, Canterbury.

The Archbishop's mandate recited.

ductam defendendi, necnon alia omnia et singula in præmissis, et circa ea necessaria seu opportuna, cum suis emergentibus, dependentibus, et connexis, faciendi, expediendi, et exercendi, etiam si mandatum exigant speciale, committimus vices nostras et plenam potestatem; mandantes quod, expedito negotio memorato, nos de toto processu vestro habito in hac parte curetis clare et distincte reddere certiores, per litteras vestras patentes harum seriem continentes. Data apud Maghefeld, xj° kalendas Marcii anno Domini M°CCC°LXV^to^, et nostræ consecrationis xvij°." Hujus igitur vestri mandati auctoritate, ad prioratum sive Ecclesiam Sancti Sepulcri antedictam personaliter accedens, omnibus et singulis monialibus dictæ Ecclesiæ, ut præmittitur vacantis, in domo capitulari ejusdem, v^to^ nonas Marcii proximo præterito, coram me personaliter constitutis, Johannam de Chiriton, monialem et sororem in eadem Ecclesia expresse professam, et personam utique providam et honestam in spiritualibus, et temporalibus circumspectam, ætatis legitimæ, et de matrimonio legitimo procreatam, et talem cui nichil de canonicis in hac parte pro tunc obviabat institutis, ceteris omnibus et singulis quæ de jure sive consuetudine requirebantur in hac parte concurrentibus, in Priorissam prioratus sive Ecclesiæ prædictæ, Spiritus Sancti gratia primitus invocata, elegi, nullaque ipsarum monialium in hac parte opponente seu contradicente quovismodo, confirmavi, et præfeci tunc ibidem, ac dictis prioratui et conventui, necnon personis in eisdem existentibus providi de eadem, administrationemque dicti prioratus sive Ecclesiæ in spiritualibus et temporalibus eidem plenarie commisi, subsequenterque eandem in sua sede posui et installavi, ac in corporalem possessionem dictorum[1] prioratus sive ecclesiæ induxi, et ipsam sic inductam defendam in futurum juxta vires. Et sic

The Prior's report resumed.

[1] *sic*, MS.

vestræ paternitatis reverendæ mandatum reverenter sum executus in præmissis. Data Cantuariæ, sub sigillo prioratus Ecclesiæ vestræ Cantuariensis prædictæ, vto idus Marcii, anno Domini supradicto.

921.—DECRETUM ELECTIONIS PRIORISSÆ SUPRADICTÆ.

(1366.) L. 63 *a*. **The Prior's certificate attesting the facts of the above-reported election.**

In Dei nomine: Amen. Cum nuper vacante Monasterio sive Ecclesia monialium Sancti Sepulcri Cantuariensis, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, per liberam resignationem Dominæ Ceciliæ de Thoneford, ultimæ Priorissæ ejusdem, in manibus venerabilis patris Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, sponte factam, et per ipsum venerabilem patrem postmodum acceptatam, Suppriorissa et totus Conventus dicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ et singulæ personæ ejusdem, ad eligendum et præficiendum, per se vel alium, certam et idoneam personam, de gremio prædicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ, in Priorissam ejusdem, et eidem monasterio et personis ac conventui ejusdem canonice providendum de eadem, pro ea vacationis vice, plenam et liberam, unanimiter et singillatim, [1] transtulerint et concesserint potestatem, nulla earum reclamante, seu renitente, aut contradicente qualitercunque; dictusque venerabilis pater subsequenter nobis, Fratri Roberto permissione divina Priori Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, ad eligendum [et] præficiendum certam personam hujusmodi in Priorissam dicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ, et eidem monasterio sive Ecclesiæ providendi canonice de eadem, ceteraque omnia et singula in hac parte necessaria vel opportuna, cum suis emergentibus, dependentibus, et connexis, faciendi, exequendi, et expediendi, specialiter dederit in mandatis, et nobis commiserit vices suas et sufficientem potestatem, prout per commissionem ipsius patris nobis inde factam apparet manifeste. Nos volentes mandatum dicti patris nobis in hac parte factum, et commissionem hujusmodi,

[1] *eidem Domino Archiepiscopo* is wanting here.

exequi, et utilitati dicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ, ut præmittitur vacantis, et personis ac conventui prædictis de persona hujusmodi et Priorissa utiliter, per Dei gratiam, providere, ut tenemur, Dominam Johannam Chyryton dicti monasterii monialem et sororem, in eadem expresse professam, personam utique providam et honestam in temporalibus, et spiritualibus circumspectam, de matrimonio legitimo susceptam, et talem cui nichil de canonicis in hac parte obviat institutis, in Priorissam dicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ Sancti Sepulcri et ejusdem loci conventus, vice et auctoritate dicti venerabilis patris nobis, ut præmittitur, commissis, eligimus, præficimus, ac dictis monasterio et conventui et personis ejusdem providimus de eadem, administrationemque dicti monasterii sive Ecclesiæ, tam in spiritualibus quam [1] temporalibus, eidem plenarie committimus per præsentes.

24 Apr. 1365.

H. 63.

922.—Recompensacio ecclesiarum Londoniis Domino Archiepiscopo a nobis facta.

The Archbishop having restored to the monks of Christ Church the advowsons of the Churches of Eastry and Monkton, of which for many years his predecessors had deprived them; the

Omnibus, etc. Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. Noverit universitas vestra, quod cum venerabilis in Christo pater Dominus Simon Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ hactenus benevolus fuerit atque pius, multaque beneficia nobis contulerit, præsertim ex hoc, quod ipse advocaciones ecclesiarum de Estry et de Monketon, quæ olim nobis pro elemosinaria nostra et ipsi elemosinariæ appropriatæ fuerant, una cum capellis eisdem ecclesiis annexis, et dependentibus ab eisdem, quas nonnulli prædecessores sui, aliquibus temporibus, sicut eis placuit tenuerunt, et ipsas ecclesias clericis suis contulerunt, et medietates fructuum ipsarum ipsis clericis suis

[1] *et*, MS.

assignarunt, ipsique clerici sui easdem medietates aliquamdiu perceperunt, habuerunt, et tenuerunt, aliis medietatibus dictarum ecclesiarum penes nos et dictam elemosinariam nostram semper hactenus a tempore dictæ appropriacionis pacifice remanentibus, nobis et Conventui nostro et elemosinariæ prædictæ, ad usus ejusdem, pro uberiore sustentacione ejusdem, recepta primitus super hiis informacione debita et sufficiente, de licencia et assensu excellentissimi Principis Domini Edwardi Dei gratia Regis, etc., plene restituerit, redintegraverit, et readjunxerit; habendas et tenendas nobis et successoribus nostris, pro elemosinaria prædicta et ad usus ejusdem, bene et quiete imperpetuum, adeo plene et integraliter sicut eas unquam habuimus et tenuimus a tempore appropriacionis prædictæ; prout hæc omnia liquent per litteras ejusdem reverendissimi patris nostri et Domini Regis super hiis plenius confectas. Nos vero ad præmissa consideracionem habentes, quanquam idem pater justiciam meram et debitam nobis in præmissis fecerit, tamen ne ipse per labia æmulorum detractorum aliquorum videatur aut censeatur suæ dignitati archiepiscopali, per concessionem et redintegracionem suas hujusmodi, in aliquo derogare; nos, tractatu diligenti super hiis præhabito, et Capitulo nostro propterea specialiter evocato, de consensu nostro unanimi et assensu, intervenientibus omnibus qui in hoc casu de jure seu consuetudine requiruntur, advocaciones ecclesiarum Sancti Pancratii, Sancti Dunstani, et Omnium Sanctorum in Bredstrete Londoniarum, quæ jam ad nos pertinent, de licencia domini nostri Regis et assensu, eidem venerabili patri et successoribus suis imperpetuum, in recompensacionem aliqualem dictorum beneficiorum, pro nobis et successoribus nostris concedimus per præsentes; habendas et tenendas eidem venerabili patri et successoribus suis, de dicto domino nostro Rege et heredibus suis per servicia inde debita et consueta: salvis nobis et

Chapter, in recompense, by this deed give to the Archbishop the patronage of three London churches, reserving to themselves the pensions paid from these churches from old time.

successoribus nostris imperpetuum pensionibus, quas ab eisdem ecclesiis percipimus et percepimus[1] ab antiquo. Et nos Prior et Capitulum et successores nostri præfatas advocaciones, quamdiu dictæ ecclesiæ de Estry et de Monketon elemosinariæ nostræ remanserint integre et pacifice reannexæ, prædictis venerabilibus patribus contra omnes gentes warrantizabimus et defendemus imperpetuum per præsentes. Data in Capitulo nostro, sub sigillo nostro communi, vicesimo quarto die Aprilis, anno Domini M^o^CCC^mo^ sexagesimo quinto.

10 Oct. 1365.

H. 64 *b*.

923.—[DE ECCLESIIS DE ESTRY ET MONKETON ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI RESTITUTIS.]

The notorial act by which Archbishop Islip restores to the Chapter the advowsons of the churches of Eastry and Monkton, and at the same time appropriates them at the first vacancies to the Monastery. He notices the patronage of the City churches given to

Universis, etc. Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. salutem, etc. Ad noticiam vestram, etc. deducimus et volumus pervenire, quod, etc. cum dudum religiosi et reverendi viri Prior et Capitulum Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. quandam peticionem, etc. nobis, etc. fecerint, formam quæ sequitur continentem: "Significat reverendo in Christo patri Simoni, etc. et coram ipso in forma juris proponit procurator, etc. Prioris et Capituli, etc. quod olim, citra tempus memoriæ, ecclesiæ parochiales de Eastri et Monketone, vestræ Cantuariensis diœcesis, per quemdam piæ memoriæ Ricardum, prædecessorem vestrum, cum capellis eisdem annexis ac omnibus juribus et pertinenciis elemosinariæ ipsorum Prioris et Capituli, et pro ea ac ad uberiorem sustentacionem pauperum ibidem confluencium, fuerant canonice appropriatæ; quæ quidem appropriaciones subsequenter extiterant per diversos Summos Pontifices ex certa sciencia et simpliciter confirmatæ. Vigore quarum appropria-

[1] *percipiemus*, MS.

cionum et confirmacionum iidem[1] Religiosi, in supportacionem officii elemosinariæ prædictæ, easdem ecclesias sic appropriatas per nonnulla tempora tenuerunt pacifice et quiete, usque ad tempus cujusdam Baldwini, prædecessoris vestri, qui vir erat magnæ potenciæ tam secularis quam spiritualis, et quædam maneria ad mensam dictorum Religiosorum spectancia, et una cum eis dictas ecclesias, virtute potenciæ suæ hujusmodi, ad manus suas recepit; promittens dictis Priori et Capitulo, quod in suis necessariis, eo quod temporibus illis nimium simplices fuerant et pauperes, eis paterno more compaciens ut dicebat, sufficienter exhiberet. Set ipse, promissionis suæ quasi immemor et eandem negligens observare, ipsis Religiosis tantæ egestati supposuit et supponi permisit, ut fere deficerent, non habentes quid manducarent seu unde alia eis incumbencia onera supportarent. Unde iidem Religiosi, necessitate ac egestate compulsi, ad audienciam felicis recordacionis Urbani tunc Summi Pontificis ob dicta gravamina appellarunt; præsertim cum ipse Archiepiscopus nec promissionem suam implere curavit, nec restitucionem facere de maneriis et ecclesiis sic per eum occupatis, congrue et cum instancia debita requisitus. Idemque Dominus Papa, dictis Religiosis paterno compaciens affectu,[2] peticioni eorum, tanquam justæ, favorabiliter annuens, dicto Domino Archiepiscopo suis litteris demandavit ut eisdem Religiosis dictas ecclesias restitueret, et illis nullam molestiam occasione appellacionis eorundem inferret; tandemque commisit potestatem quibusdam judicibus delegatis, quatinus eumdem Baldewinum Archiepiscopum monerent et inducerent ad hujusmodi restitucionem debite faciendam. Subsequenter, litteris et mandatis Apostolicis hujusmodi

him recompense by the Chapter.

The Prior's petition recited.

[1] *idem*, MS.

[2] *effectu*, MSS.

minime executis, nichilominus præfati monachi in sua simplicitate permanentes et in una paupertate depressi, contra dictum Archiepiscopum, tam potentem et amicis secularibus constipatum, non audebant ulterius procedere, sed, intervenientibus amicis qui plus Archiepiscopo favebant quam Religiosis, ne deterius eis contingeret verbotenus promiserunt quod starent dicti Archiepiscopi judicio in præmissis, idem Archiepiscopus maneria sic occupata per eumdem restituit, sed collacionem dictarum ecclesiarum, non obstantibus præmissis, penes se retinuit et medietatem fructuum utriusque ecclesiæ dictis Religiosis pro elemosinaria prædicta reliquit; reliquam vero medietatem eciam utriusque ecclesiæ suis clericis, per eumdem in dictis ecclesiis institutis sicut sibi placuit, assignavit, cujus facto hujusmodi, licet injusto, dicti Religiosi, ipsius Archiepiscopi potenciam perhorrescentes, pro tunc expresse contradicere non audebant. Successoresque ejusdem Baldewini, Archiepiscopi Cantuarienses, hujusmodi promissionis non ignari, possessionem ejusdem Baldewini violentam[1] et viciosam, ipsius vicio non purgato, continuarunt, dictique monachi, propter suam simplicitatem nimiam, et propter dominacionem et potenciam suorum præfatorum Archiepiscoporum, hactenus eis displicere non audentes,[2] possessionem hujusmodi tollerarunt, nullum consensum seu assensum præmissis liberum adhibendo tacite vel expresse, set de dissensu et contraria voluntate ipsorum sufficienter et sæpius, quatenus ausi fuerant, protestando. Unde supplicat paternitati vestræ reverendæ procurator prædictus, etc. propter timorem divinum et justiciam quam tenemini singulis vestris subditis exhibere, quatinus dignemini super præmissis vos debite informare, sufficientique super præmissis, pro parte ipsorum Religiosorum, vobis fide facta, easdem ecclesias ad

[1] *violenciam*, MS. | [2] *audencium*, MS.

dictos Priorem et Capitulum officiumque elemosinariæ prædictæ pertinuisse, pertinere, et pertinere debere, ipsosque et dictam elemosinariam suam ad statum et possessionem quem et quam habuerunt in dictis ecclesiis, sicut præmittitur, reducendos et restituendos fore, et ab impeticione, impedimento, seu molestacione eorundem Prioris et Capituli sive officii elemosinariæ prædictæ circa præmissa, tam per vos quam per quoscumque successores vestros, desistendum et omnino cessandum fore, sentencialiter et diffinitive pronunciare et declarare, cessareque et desistere cum effectu, et ulterius, juxta probanda et producenda coram vobis omnia et singula contra ipsos in hac parte indebite attemptata, eisdem redintegrare ac plenam justiciam facere in præmissis cum favore, etc." Nos vero peticionem et proposicionem ipsas diligenter considerantes, et advertentes per ipsarum effectum dignitati nostræ archiepiscopali ex parte una jacturam non modicam imminere, quantum ad collaciones et provisiones dictarum ecclesiarum de Estry et Monketone, in quarum possessione nos et prædecessores nostri a longis temporibus fueramus, quæ possessio nobis in dictis ecclesiis titulum canonicum tribuere videbatur; et ex altera parte, scilicet Prioris et Capituli nostri, perpendimus evidenter, per preces eorum, tantam vim et violenciam suis prædecessoribus, in dictis ecclesiis et circa eas, in immutacionem status eorum quem habuerunt in eisdem, et ipsis illatas, quod durante dicta violencia et occupacione injustis, ipsis non sanatis, nec aliqua bona fide, quæ Archiepiscopis titulum aliquem tribuere potuerit, superveniente, set semper possessione hujusmodi injusta, per dictum Baldewinum et suos successores, jure potestatis et dominacionis suæ, quas super dictum Capitulum habuerant hactenus continuata, nulla præscripcio vel longa possessio ipsis Archiepiscopis, quoad collaciones et provisiones dictarum

The Archbishop's letters resumed.

ecclesiarum, de jure valere poterat aut prodesse. Quocirca volentes eis justiciam debitam exhibere, et dignitati nostræ Archiepiscopali de saluberiori remedio caucius providere, super contentis in dicta peticione; vocatis in hac parte vocandis, et specialiter rectoribus ipsarum ecclesiarum possessioni earundem incumbentibus, et omnibus aliis in genere quorum intererat vel interesse poterat, coram nobis comparentibus, vicibus iteratis, nec aliquo alio cujus interesse poterat coram nobis comparente, nulloque ipsorum aliquod canonicum quod peticionem dictorum Religiosorum absorbere seu excludere poterat aliqualiter proponente; productisque, per partem ipsorum Religiosorum, nonnullis testibus, et ipsis in forma juris receptis, juratis, et examinatis; exhibitisque postmodum pro parte ipsorum Religiosorum rescriptis papalibus, et litteris prædecessorum nostrorum eorum sigillis in hac parte consignatis ut prima facie videbatur, et aliis instrumentis, ac documentis variis, registrisque publicis, ad quem recursus haberi solebat tanquam ad publica et necessaria documenta, sicut in hac parte legitime dictum[1] fuerat coram nobis; attestacionibusque dictorum testium et omnibus aliis exhibitis et productis, per nos rite et legitime publicatis, et copia eorum, tam dictis rectoribus in specie quam cuicumque alteri cujus interesse poterat in genere, publice [et] solempniter per nos decreta, nichilque contra ipsa aut eorum aliquod per aliquem dicto seu proposito; sed tandem in dicto negocio per nos concluso, et via quicquam ulterius proponendi omnibus, tam in specie quam in genere, per decretum nostrum judicialiter præclusa, etc. tandem ad sentenciæ nostræ prolacionem et diffinicionem finalem procedimus, in hunc modum. Quia invenimus per acta exhibita et probata nobis dictas ecclesias de Estry et de Monketone, cum capellis sibi annexis ac suis

The Archbishop's sentence.

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[1] *doctum,* MS.

juribus universis sicut in peticione prædicta plenius continetur, dictis Priori et Capitulo fuisse et esse, ad usum elemosinariæ prædictæ canonice appropriatas, et ipsos Priorem et Capitulum per quemdam Baldewinum prædecessorem nostrum, cujus potenciæ et dominacioni dicti Religiosi, pro tunc pauperes et simplices, resistere non poterant nec audebant, per vim et potenciam suam, dictis ecclesiis spoliatos fuisse, in quarum possessione canonica tunc fuerant, prout satis liquet per præmissa exhibita et producta, et possessionem hujusmodi violentam nunquam purgatam fuisse, set semper hucusque, sic viciose, continuatam, prout narratur in peticione prædicta: idcirco prædictas ecclesias de Estry et Monketone (cum pertinenciis) ad dictos religiosos viros Priorem et Capitulum Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ, officiumque elemosinariæ ejusdem, virtute appropriacionis supradictæ et confirmacionum inde habitarum, pertinuisse et pertinere debere, dictosque Religiosos restituendos fore et reducendos ad jus et possessionem quod et quam in dictis ecclesiis habuerunt, tempore dicti Baldewini et ante, præsertim bonæ memoriæ Ricardi Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi qui dictas ecclesias præfatis Priori et Capitulo dedit et concessit in usus proprios, ut præfertur, ipsosque in jure et possessione hujusmodi tuendos fore, sentencialiter et diffinitive pronunciamus, decernimus, et declaramus; et ipsos quantum in nobis est ad statum eundem reducimus et restituimus per decretum. Ita quod cedentibus vel decedentibus rectoribus dictarum ecclesiarum, qui nunc sunt, liceat prædictis Priori et Capitulo, per se seu alios vel alium eorum nomine, ecclesias prædictas, etc. et corporalem possessionem earundem libere ingredi, intrare, et adquirere, et eas, etc. in proprios usus retinere; necnon fructus et proventus omnes et omnimodos eorum integre habere et percipere imperpetuum, et de eisdem libere disponere, pro usu elemosinariæ supradictæ;

nostra et successorum nostrorum reclamacione non obstante. Ad quæ quidem facienda et exercenda ipsis religiosis viris tenore præsencium plenam et liberam concedimus facultatem et licenciam specialem, reservata nobis et successoribus nostris libera facultate vicarias et porciones ipsis congruentes, cum rectores ipsarum ecclesiarum eisdem cesserint vel ipsi decesserint, taxandi, statuendi, et ordinandi, quarum vicariarum collaciones et provisiones nobis et successoribus nostris, jure perpetuo, volumus et decernimus pertinere. Et ut nulli successorum nostrorum decetero materia [sit] conquerendi seu murmurandi, iidem Prior et Capitulum nobis et successoribus nostris advocaciones ecclesiarum Sanctorum Pancracii, Dunstani, et Omnium Sanctorum in Bredstrete London. licencia regia præoptenta, suis sumptibus et expensis, liberaliter perpetuo concesserint, etc., etc.[1] Data et acta in nostro manerio de Maghefeld anno Domini M°CCC°LXV^to^, mensis Octobris die decimo.

924.—Littera directa Domino Philippo Regi Franciæ super vineis nostris.[2]

1367. Petition to Phillippe VI. pleading the discontinuance of the gift of the Wine of St. Thomas, and

Excellentissimo principi Domino Philippo Dei gratia Regi Franciæ illustri, sui humiles et devoti Robertus Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis et ejusdem loci Capitulum, orationum suffragia devotarum. Celebris memoriæ Dominus Ludowycus, quondam Rex Franciæ,[3] prædecessor vester, ob devotionem sanctam et dilectionem

[1] The remainder of the record is made up of a copy of the Commission of the Proctor of the Chapter, certified by the notary who composed the *act*, and of the usual wordy notarial attestations, all of which, being matters of *common form*, are here omitted.

[2] Foreseeing the rupture of the seven years peace which followed the convention of Bretigny, the Prior sent the petition here printed, and caused copies of the most important charters to be furnished to the French King, at the same time inserting transcripts in his register.

[3] Louis VII.

sinceram quas habuit ad beatum et gloriosum martirem Thomam, dudum dictæ Ecclesiæ nostræ Archiepiscopum, nobis et Ecclesiæ nostræ prædictæ centum modios vini, in puram et perpetuam elemosinam, in castellaria Pissiaci percipiendos, libere annuatim concessit. Et licet sæpius nuntios nostros pro hujusmodi vinis recipiendis miserimus speciales, propter tamen guerrarum dispendia ab ipsorum perceptione fuimus et sumus per decem annos vel circiter totaliter impediti. Quocirca, Serenitati vestræ regiæ humiliter supplicamus, quatinus, pro amore et honore dicti martiris gloriosi, præcipere dignetur vestris ministris ibidem, ut de arreragiis dictorum centum modiorum vini de dictis decem annis proximis præteritis a retro existentibus, sine moræ majoris dispendio, nobis satisfacere non omittant. Invenimus enim quod bonæ memoriæ excellentissimus princeps Dominus Philippus quondam Rex Franciæ,[1] prædecessor vester, pro dampnis et arreragiis dictorum centum modiorum vini per quatuor annos a retro existentibus, tempore guerræ motæ inter ipsum et Regem Angliæ pro terra Vasconiæ, dedit nobis cc. libras turonenses, et fecit efficaciter liberari. Et quamvis per decem annos prædictos vina non percepimus cum effectu, non tamen cessavimus, nec in præsenti cessamus, pro pace et incolumitate vestra Deo et dicto Martiri preces effundere speciales, qui Celsitudinem vestram regiam prospere dirigant et conservent. Data in Capitulo nostro, etc.

asking for its resumption.

925.—Littera credenciæ amico directa pro hujusmodi negotiis expediendis.

(1367.)

L. 96 *a*.

Amice karissime, de statu vestro scire prospera cupientes, mittimus ad vos dilectum domicellum vestrum et nostrum Simonem Monyn, latorem præsentium,

The Prior asks Tho. le Jay, the monk of

[1] Philippe IV.

St. Denys (in whose favour he has before written to the Abbot) to use his influence in the matter of the Wine of St. Thomas.

qui vobis ex parte nostra oretenus aliqua specialiter intimabit; cui credere velitis, si placet, in præmissis, et plenam fiduciam adhibere. Et scire velitis, quod reverenter scribimus serenissimo principi Domino Philippo Regi Franciæ, pro vinis nostris in Francia, et arreragiis eorundem aretro jam diu existentibus, prout lator præsentium plenius vobis dicet, et similiter Domino Abbati vestro, ut humanius nostra negotia erga dictum Dominum Regem efficaciter promoveret. Unde vestram amicitiam, de qua plene confidimus, corditer deprecamur, quatinus pro celeri expeditione negotiorum nostrorum humanius erga dictum Dominum Abbatem instare velitis, si placet, loco et tempore opportunis; ad vestram reducentes memoriam, qualiter alias eidem Simoni, in præsentia nostra, de aliqua certa pensione providere curialiter promisistis, percipienda a vobis, vel a Priore de Dyerherst vestro successore quocunque. Quam quidem promissionem velitis, si placet, efficaciter adimplere; et veraciter credimus quod plus expedivisset Ecclesiæ de Dyerherst quod statum prioratus habuissetis ibidem quam ille qui nunc eidem incumbit. Adhuc carissime, quia Dominus Comes Huntyngdon pluries tetigit nobis de illis xx. libris, in quibus eidem tenemini, sicut scitis, pro quarum medietate sumus etiam fidejussor, pro honore vestro multum esset si de ipsis eidem esset integraliter satisfactum. Et si aliqua sint in partibus nostris quæ pro vobis facere potuerimus bono modo, nobis per dictum Simonem fiducialiter rescribatis. Valeat amicitia vestra sicut optamus in Christo. Script. etc.

1179.
L. 96 *b*.
Cart. Ant. F. 90.

926.—Carta Ludovici Regis Francorum de centum modiis vini datis Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensi.

The Charter of Louis VII.,

In nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis, amen; Ludovicus Dei gratia Francorum Rex. Pium est ut

quæ ad pias erogantur causas litterarum beneficio, ad hoc indeficienti memoria, tribuantur, ne Deo servientium quies perturbetur inposterum, et elemosina devote facta, per oblivionem postmodum sopita depereat. Noverint itaque universi præsentes pariter ac futuri, quod, intuitu beatissimi martiris Thomæ quondam Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, ad cujus tumulum, pro salute animæ et corporis in multa devotione profecti sumus impetrandra, Conventui monachorum Sanctæ Trinitatis inibi Deo famulantium centum modios vini, ad mensuram Parisiensem, singulis annis tempore vindemiarum, in castellaria Pissiaci accipiendos, in elemosinam concessimus. Conventui etiam prædicto indulgimus, quatinus de præscriptis centum modiis vini, et de omnibus quæ ad esum et potum suum pertinere sacramento unius servientis, de mandato alicujus monachi de eodem Conventu, probari potuerit, in omnibus passagiis nostris, quantum ad nos attinet, sint omnino liberi et immunes. Quæ omnia, ut perpetuam stabilitatem optineant, sigilli nostri auctoritate, ac regii nominis karactere subannotato, præsentem cartam præcepimus communiri. Acta Cantuariæ, anno ab incarnatione Domini millesimo centesimo octogesimo.[1] Astantibus in palatio nostro quorum nomina supposita sunt et signa. Signum Theobaldi Comitis dapiferi nostri. Signum Guidonis buticularii. Signum Reginaldi camerarii. Signum Raduphi constabularii. Data per manum Secundi Hugonis Cancellarii.

by whom the wine was first given.

927.—CARTA PHILIPPI REGIS FILII EJUSDEM LUDOVICI DE EODEM.

1180. L. 96 *b*. Cart. Ant. F. 92.

In nomine sanctæ et individuæ Trinitatis, amen. Philippus Dei gratia Francorum Rex. Ea quæ ante-

Confirmation of his

[1] 1179 in the original charter.

father's charter by Philippe II.

cessoribus nostris, et præcipue quæ a patre nostro Ludowyco Rege Francorum, pietatis intuitu, sanctis ecclesiis vel aliis locis venerabilibus sunt indulta non est nostri propositi, aliquo modo, extenuare, set opera misericordiæ immobili firmitate conservare. Noverint igitur universi præsentes pariter et futuri, quod, intuitu beatissimi martiris Thomæ quondam Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, ad cujus tumulum pro salute animæ et sanitate corporis impetranda, in multa devotione fuerat profectus, Conventui monachorum [Sanctæ] Trinitatis ibidem Deo servientium centum modios vini, ad mensuram Parisiensem, singulis annis tempore vindemiarum, in castellaria Pissiaci accipiendos, in elemosinam concessit. Conventui etiam prædicto indulsit, quatinus de prædictis centum modios vini, et de omnibus quæ ad esum et potum suum pertinere sacramento unius servientis, de mandato alicujus monachi de eodem Conventu, probari potuerit, in omnibus passagiis suis et nostris, quantum ad ipsum attinebat, sint omnino liberi et immunes. Quod factum patris nostri, ne aliqua possit oblivione deleri, vel aliqua malignantium invidia violari, manu nostræ confirmationis apposita, præcipimus inviolabiliter custodiri; unde et sigilli nostri auctoritate, ac regii nominis karactere inferius annotato, præsentem cartam volumus communiri. Acta Maduntæ anno incarnationis Domini millesimo C^mo^LXXX^o^, regni nostri anno primo; astantibus in palatio nostro quorum nomina supposita sunt et signa. Signum Comitis Theobaldi dapiferi nostri. Signum Gwydonis buticularii. Signum Reginaldi camerarii. Signum Radulphi constabularii. Acta per manum Secundi Hugonis Cancellarii.

928.—MATHEI CARTA COMITIS BOLONIÆ DE LIBERO PEDAGIO ET ALIIS LIBERTATIBUS APUD HWYTSAND, BOLONIAM, ET NEWEN, CONCESSIS MONACHIS ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI CANTUARIENSIS. c. 1280. L. 97 *b*.

Matheus [1] Comes Boloniæ omnibus hominibus et ministris suis de Hwytsande, et Bolonia, et Newene, tam præsentibus quam post futuris, salutem. Sciatis quod ego Matheus Comes, pro honore Dei et Beati Thomæ Archiepiscopi Cantuariensis et gloriosi martiris, et pro salute animæ meæ et uxoris meæ et heredum meorum, perdonavi fratribus meis, monachis, scilicet, Conventus Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, imperpetuum theloneum et omnes consuetudines quæ exigi solent in Hwytsande, vel Bolonia, vel Newene, a transeuntibus. Volo ergo et præcipio, ut ipsi, et nuntii, et omnes servientes eorum liberi sint et quieti a me et ab omnibus heredibus meis imperpetuum, a theloneo, sive pedagio, sive omni alia consuetudine. Et prohibeo ut nullus hominum vel ministrorum meorum eos pro hac re vexare præsumat. Testibus Arnulfo de Cayo, Rogerio de Gauchyn, Gilberto de Monfichet, Henrico Chamunt, Ysaac de Estru, Thoma de Avrenches, Alulpho de Boctone, Anselmo de Hedem, et aliis pluribus.

Matthew Count of Boulogne grants free passage and export for the wine of St. Thomas.

929.—ACQUIETANCIA FACTA DOMINO THOMÆ DE WOLTON MAGISTRO SEU CUSTODI HOSPITALIS DE ESTBREGG CANTUARIÆ, DE COMPOTO ADMINISTRATIONIS SUÆ FACTÆ IN BONIS PRÆDICTI HOSPITALIS. 1 Nov. 1367. L. 99 *a*.

Nos Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. omnibus præsentes litteras inspecturis,

The Prior, as Auditor, passes the

[1] William XII., Count of Auvergne and Boulogne, is said by the authors of *L'art de verifier les dates* to have been in possession of the county at the date, but they assert it with a reserve which is justified by the present charter.

account of the Master of Eastbridge Hospital in Canterbury.

salutem, etc. Cum ad Priorem dictæ Ecclesiæ pertinet auditio compoti Magistri seu Custodis hospitalis Sancti Thomæ de Estbregg in Civitate Cantuaria qui pro tempore fuerit, per ordinationem bonæ memoriæ Domini Johannes de Stratford nuper Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, et Dominus Thomas de Woltone, Magister seu Custos hospitalis prædicti, se sufficienter optulerit ad reddendum nobis compotum administrationis suæ in bonis præfati hospitalis, nos sufficienter didiscimus quod ipse pauperibus ad id confluentibus hospitalitatem capellanis et aliis ministris requisitis in eodem necessariis ministravit, novas construxit domos, et reparavit collapsas, possessionesque ejusdem hospitalis, in prædiis, redditibus, [et] in bonis aliis, notorie et in multo ex bonis aliis, ut firmiter credimus, quam ipsius hospitalis, ampliavit, et conatur indies, ut asseritur, ampliare, non curavimus ipsius audire compotum, quem in præmissis eidem hospitali tam utiliter intelleximus providentem; set, ut eum excitemus ad similia in futuris temporibus promptius facienda, ipsum Custodem, quantum possumus, ab ulteriore compoto dictæ suæ administrationis pro tempore transacto quietamus per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ primo die mensis Novembris anno Domini M°CCC°LXVIJ°.

(1368.) L. 99 *a*.

931.—Copia testamenti sive ultimæ voluntatis Domini Johannis de Beauchamp militis, de manerio suo de Esole legato Beatæ Mariæ in criptis in ecclesia Christi Cantuariensi.

Memorandum of the manor of Easole bequeathed to the Chapel

Fait a remembrer coment Monsire Johan de Beauchamp, frere au Counte de Warwyk, eait enfeffe Monsire Rogier de Beauchamp, Monsire Johan fitz a Monsire Giles de Beauchamp, Thomas Hongerford, et

930.—Littera missa Abbati et Conventui de Faversham et ejusdem loci Conventum de licencia obtinenda ab eisdem, ut Walterus de Maydestan monachus vester recipi possit in monachum et confratrem nostrum.

28 Jan. 1368.

L. 98 *b*.

The Prior asks the Abbot of Faversham to allow one of his monks to migrate to Christ Church, Canterbury.

Reverendæ religionis viro Domino Willelmo Dei gratia Abbati monasterii de Faversham et ejusdem loci Conventui, ordinis Sancti Benedicti, Cantuariensis diœcesis, Robertus ejusdem permissione Prior Ecclesiæ Christi Cantuariensis, salutem in amplexibus Salvatoris. Quia Frater Walterus de Maydenstan monachus monasterii vestri, ordinem, regularem Sancti Benedicti expresse professus in eodem, coram nobis personaliter constitutus, cupiens ut asserit ex caritate, etc. ad ecclesiam nostram ejusdem ordinis et religionis migrare, Domino virtutum obsequium impensurus, etc.; nos volentes ejus piis supplicationibus quatenus in Deo possumus inclinare, etc. dumtamen licenciam a vobis super hoc obtineat, etc. paratos nos reddimus per præsentes. In cujus rei, etc. Data Cantuariæ quinto kalendas Februarii anno Domini M°CCC°LXVIJ°.

931.

Memorandum that Sir John de Beauchamp, brother of the Earl of Warwick, has enfeoffed Sir Roger de Beauchamp, Sir John son of Sir Giles de Beauchamp, Thomas Hungerford, and John Rouse the younger, in

of St. Mary Undercroft, Canterbury, by Sir John de Beauchamp.

Johan Rous le puisnez, del manoir de Easole en Counte de Kent, entre autres manoirs; sur tiel condicion, qils enfefferont les Priour et Covent de la Seynte Trinite de Cantirbirs, en le honur del ymage Nostre Dame Seinte Marie Ondercroft de Cantirbirs, del dit manoir de Esole ove les appartenances a toutz jours; pur avoir perpetuelment memorie en le dit Covent del alme le dit Monsire Johan, et ces piere, meire, et frere, en lours messes et orisons; solounc lavys de ditz enfeffez, et par licence nostre Seignur le Roi, sil ent busoigne pur eux impetrer.

29 May (1368).
L. 99 *a*.

932.—Littera directa Domino Priori per Dominum Comitem de Warrewyk, tangens manerium de Easole prædictum.

The Earl of Warwick asks the Prior if he is willing to accept the manor of Easole, burthened with the obligation of a daily mass to be sung by a priest clothed in a vestment embroidered with the arms of Warwick.

Trescher et reverent Sire en Dieu. Pur ceo qe nous avoms entenduz qe le darreine volunte nostre trescher uncle jadys Monsire John de Beauchamp, qe Dieux assoille, estoit qe le manoir de Easole en le Counte de Kent serroit donez a vous et a voȝtre Covent, sur tiel condicioun, qun des moignes illeosqes serroit perpetuelment par especial ordinez et deputez a chaunter, revestuz en les armes de Warrewyk, devant lauter Nostre Dame souz la valte, priantz pur les almes nostre dit uncle et noz auncestres; pur quiele chose nous envoioms par devers vous, et vous prioms qe, par le portour de cestes et par voz lettres, nous enveillez certifier pluis aplein vostre volunte; cest assavoir si vous vuillez accepter le dit manoir fassauntz sacramente de la charge susdite. Kar autrement nous pensoms, par le bon avys de nostre conseil, ordiner en ce cas come mieutz serra par autre manere au meryte des almes susdites. Trescher et reverent Sire

the manor of Easole, in the County of Kent, together with other manors, on these conditions: namely, that they should enfeoff the Prior and Chapter of Holy Trinity in Canterbury, in the said manor of Easole, with its appurtenances for ever, in honour of the Image of Our Lady Saint Mary Undercroft of Canterbury, in order to have a perpetual commemoration in the said convent of the soul of the said Sir John, and of his father's, mother's, and brother's souls in their masses and prayers; after the discretion of the said feoffees, and by permission of Our Lord the King, if there should be need for them to ask for it.

932.

Very dear and reverend Father in God. Whereas we have understood that the last will of our very dear uncle the late Sir John de Beauchamp, whom God absolve, was that the manor of Easole, in the County of Kent, should be given to you and your Convent, upon these conditions following: namely, that one of your monks there should be perpetually specially assigned and deputed to sing mass, at the Altar of Our Lady in the Crypt, wearing vestments decorated with the arms of the Warwick family, and praying for the souls of our said uncle and our ancestors; on which account we are now sending to you, and praying you that, by the hands of the bearer of these and by your letters, you will please to acquaint us more fully with your wishes; that is to say, whether you are willing to accept the said manor, whilst promising by oath to undertake the above-mentioned charge. For, if you are not so willing, we intend, by the good advice of our counsel, in that

en Dieu, le Seint Esprit soit toutz jours garde de vous. Escript a Loundres le xxix. jour de May.

Le Counte de Warrewyk.

5 June (1368).

L. 99 *a*.

The Prior, with excuses, declines to accept the charge of the masses, the profits of the manor being too small to furnish the services.

933.—RESPONSIO FACTA DICTO DOMINO COMITI SUPER PRÆDICTAM LITTERAM.

Tres honurez Sire. Nous avoms receuz voz lettres, par quieles vous nous avez offert a doner le manoir de Easole, solonc la darreine volunte nostre tres honurez amy jadis Monsire Johan de Beauchamp vostre uncle, sur tiele condicioun, a ce qe vous nouz avez escript, qe nous serrioms chargez dordinier et deputer perpetuelment un de noz commoignes par especial a chaunter, revestuz en les armes de Warrewyk, devant lauter Nostre Dame souz la valte de nostre esglise, pur les almes le dit Monsire Johan et des voz auncestres. Sur quey, Sire, vuillez entendre, a ceo qe nous est avys, qe le damage de nous ne purroit aucunement procurer merite as almes susdites; entendantz verroiement qe porter et faire tiele charge pur si petite chose, ou gaires nad de profist, nous serroit trop grevable; pur quey, Sire, nous vuillez en ce cas avoir pur excusez. Et Dieu vous endoigne faire tielement, qe soit a loenge de luy et allegement des almes avant dites; et vous ottroie auxi, Sire, honur, et bone sauncte au longe durree. Escript a Cauntirbirs le v. jour de Juyn.

Vostre Priour de Cauntirbirs.

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1 Jan. 1369 to 1 Jan. 1371.

L. 101 *a*.

934.—HIC INCIPIT LIBER SUBSIDII DATI NOVO OPERI ANTERIORIS ECCLESIÆ CHRISTI CANTUARIENSIS A PRIMO DIE JANUARII ANNO DOMINI MCCCLXIX. USQUE AD PRIMUM DIEM JANUARII ANNO DOMINI MCCCLXXJ.

The first intimation of the re-

In primis dedit Johannes Bekenore - xx. libras.

Item: Thomas de Sarum - - xl. solidos.

case to arrange as shall seem best in some other manner for the benefit of the above-named souls. Very dear and reverend Father in God, may the Holy Spirit ever keep you. Written, &c.

933.

Most honoured Lord. We have received your letters, by which you have offered to give us the manor of Easole, after the last will of our late much honoured friend Sir John de Beauchamp, your uncle, upon the condition, as you have written to us, that we shall be bound to assign and depute specially one of our monks to sing perpetual masses, at the Altar of Our Lady in the Crypt, wearing vestments decorated with the arms of Warwick, for the souls of the said Sir John and of your ancestors. Hereupon, Sire, please to understand that, as we are aware, our loss cannot in any way purchase advantage for the aforesaid souls; understanding truly, that to bear and perform such a charge for so small a repayment, where there is scarcely any profit, would be too burdensome for us; wherefore, Sire, be pleased in this case to have us excused. And may God grant to you so to act that it may be to his praise and the solace of the aforesaid souls; and may he also confer upon you honour and good health for a long continuance. Written, &c.

Item: Thomas Culy - - - l. *s.*

Summa xxiiij. *li.* x. *s.*

Hanc summam recepit Dominus Johannes Guston

Item: Alexander Hanekyn - - lx. *s.*

Item: Adam de Herbaldoun - - xx. *s.*

Item: Cecilia Blacbroke - - iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*

Item: Margareta Godyngg - - iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*

building of the nave of Canterbury Cathedral, contained in a list of subscriptions collected for the purpose

some years before the work was actually begun.

Item : Domina Johanna Fogge pro animabus Isabellæ Johannæ et Johannæ - - - -	cxiij. *s.* iiij. *d*
Item : Walterus - - -	iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*
Item : Johannes Brewer - -	ij. *s.* vj. *d.*
Item : Johannes Mew - -	ij. *s.*
Item : Thomas Chalner - -	xx. *s.*
Item : Willelmus - - -	vij. *d.*
Item : Pro Petro - - -	xx. *d.*
Item : Robertus Grymstede - -	vij. *d.*
Item : Stephanus Carpenter - -	xij. *d.*
Item : Nicholaus Fox - -	xij. *d.*
Item : Pro anima Thomæ de Chylham	iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*
Item : Willelmus Sutton - -	xv. *d.*
Item : Johannes et Ricardus - -	x. *d.*
Item : Rector de Kyngeston - -	xx. *d.*
Item : Johannes Mauncel - -	xx. *d.*
Item : Johannes Colyere - -	vj. *s.* viij. *d.*
Item : Thomas Godynton - -	liij. *s.* iij. *d.*
Item : Dominus Johannes Styward, Capellanus Principis - -	lxvj. *s.* viij. *d.*
Item : Johannes Hennere - -	ij. *s.* vj. *d.*
Item : Salamon Champencys - -	iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*
Item : Lore - - - -	iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*
Item : Elena Massely - -	ij. *s.* vj. *d.*
Item : Willelmus Wylliam - -	iij. *s.* iiij. *d.*
Item : Robertus atte Halle - -	xv. *d.*
Item : Simon Ferrour - -	ij. *s.* vj. *d.*
Item : Willelmus Glasyere - -	x. *s.*
Item : Johannes Mychel - -	ij. *d.*
Summa omnium prædictorum	xliiij. *li.* viij. *s.* xj. *d.*

6 Oct. (1369). H. 71 *b.*

935. —SUBSEQUENS LITTERA . . . . . PRO PARTE PRIORIS ET CONVENTUS DOMINO CARDINALI CANTUARIENSI.

A letter describing the trou-

Pater et Domine reverende, concussa sunt viscera nostra, in profundis fluctuancia suspiriis, dum, in

scribendo summæ magnificenciæ vestræ, expectacionem nostram tardam perpendimus et morosam; quæ nisi suppetat uberior excusacio ex parte nostra, non immerito nobis imputari poterit ad culpam. Sed, venerabilis pater, flebilis casus bonæ memoriæ Roberti, nuper Prioris nostri, qui tarde spiritum suo reddidit Creatori, prolixus etiam languor ejusdem quo premebatur ante mortem, et raritas nunciorum nobis obicem causavit, super quo nos excusatos habere velit vestra bonitas innata, et in tranquillam quietis planiciem spiritus vestri redigere tempestatem. Sed quoniam, inter cetera immensa profusaque in nobis beneficia, causam Collegii Cantuariensis nuper desperatam ad felicem exitum et finem deduci fecistis optatum, Bullis gratiosis super hoc nobis transmissis eundem testantibus; tantaque sit in hiis et aliis munificenciæ et muneris affluencia, ut inaniter ad eorum recompensacionem se erigat nostræ insufficiencia paupertatis, quantas mentes nostræ concipere potuerint gratias exsolventes, ad omnium retributorem bonorum suppliciter recurrimus, petentes ut ipse vobis recompenset piæ actionis præmium et præsidium continuatum. Scire nempe dignetur percara paternitas vestra, quod, divulgata bullarum transmissione ad partes Angliæ, quorundam relacione recepimus quod Dominus noster Rex ad ecclesiam de Pageham, tamquam vacantem, a morte et per mortem bonæ memoriæ Simonis prædecessoris vestri, eo quod licencia regia de patronatu ejusdem ecclesiæ *tam religiosis scolaribus quam secularibus* nuper extitit concessa, intendebat et intendit præsentare, ipsamque licenciam (secularibus jam exclusis) æstimant periti, ex causis præmissis, vacuam omnino et in nullo modo nobis esse profuturam, [et] dictum Dominum Regem nil aliud exspectare in præsentando quam quod dictas Bullas poneremus in execucione. Insuper, pater reverende, quamplures aulæ Oxonienses nuper perquisitæ Collegio, una

bles of the Convent arising from the intrusion of secular clerks into Canterbury College in Oxford. The patron addressed is asked in general terms to give help, and is evidently one living abroad, but likely soon to return to England.

duntaxat excepta, venditæ sunt per scolares seculares et eorum feoffatores, eo quod condicio feoffamenti *religiosis et secularibus* nuper facti, per exclusionem secularium est subducta; nec scimus ubi licencias regias super perquisicione aularum prædictarum seu patronatus ecclesiæ de Pageham alias concessas, aliqua via poterimus reperire, nec habemus penes nos factum super appropriacione dictæ ecclesiæ seu possessione adepta ejusdem, seu factum aliud quodcunque autenticum seu sigillatum, super jure Collegii vel ecclesiæ antedictæ, quod nos poterit juvare, sola Bulla excepta; quorum occasione dictas Bullas, quo ad relaxacionem sequestri, seu ad aliqua contenta in eadem, exsequi non audemus. Conscribimus super hiis, cum jurisperiti, præsertim legis regni, quamplurimi, attoniti de prædictis, nesciverunt dare consilium suum in ea parte; dicentes Dominum nostrum Papam non posse, per sentencias suas, factis regiis (saltem in temporalibus) nec scolaribus secularibus, in possessionibus et bonis temporalibus alias sibi communiter assignatis, in aliquo præjudicare; nec Dominum nostrum Regem dictos seculares, sine processu a jure quæsito, aliqualiter excludere posse, quamvis vellet bullas Domini Papæ et contenta in eisdem de beneplacito suo confirmare. Dominus etiam Archiepiscopus cunctique satrapi sui fortiter zelant pro secularibus tuendis; asserantes, ex causis præmissis negocium in periculo positum, si seculares, quorum tamen nullus juxta primariam ordinacionem admissus superstes est, excludantur. Unde, pater piissime, ad summæ vestræ miseracionis exuberanciam flexis genibus provoluti, vestrum consilium sanum in agendis hiis et auxilium humiliter deposcimus; nam, pensata devocione quam hactenus erga Cantuariensem Ecclesiam habuistis, speramus itaque quod non deficiet in hac angustia nostra illa exhuberans et inexhausta gratiæ vestræ plenitudo, quæ semper in afflictione nostra medelam

solebat impertiri; doloribus igitur et angustiis nostris hiis, quæ cum clemencia vestra utinam communicare potuerimus, solito paterno compassionis affectu benigne compati, et manus sic apponere in præmissis adjutrices, quod de ecclesia de Pageham prædicta poterimus gaudere, dignetur excellens paternitas vestra veneranda. Et quia regressus vester in Angliam; nobis jocundus, in brevi ut dicitur dispositus est, rogamus excellenciam vestram, cum summa cordis intimitate, quatinus Monasterium vestrum pro habitacione et mora vestris præ ceteris locis eligere dignemini, nos et amiciciam nostram sinceram votis et usibus vestris hillari animo subjugantes. Ad Dei laudem et universalis Ecclesiæ tuicionem dirigat et custodiat in salute votiva gradum vestrum Trinitas increata. Scriptum Cantuariæ, in festo Sanctæ Fidis Virginis.[1]

936.—[Ordinatio cantariæ in domo monialium Sancti Sepulchri.]

9 Nov. 1369.

Cart. Ant. S. 413.

The Commissary-General of the diocese founds a daily mass in St. Sepulchre's Nunnery,

Universis, etc. Willelmus, etc. Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra nos litteras patentes, etc. examinasse, tenorem qui sequitur continentes. "Notum sit omnibus Christi fidelibus, etc. quod ego Robertus de Borne, Rector ecclesiæ de Suthflete, nuper Rector ecclesiæ de Frakenham, in testamento Roberti Vyntier de Maidestane

[1] There can be no doubt that the person to whom this letter is addressed was Simon Langham, formerly Archbishop of Canterbury, and afterwards successively Cardinal-Priest of St. Sixtus and Cardinal-Bishop of Palestrina. The phrase "Simonis prædecessoris vestri" shows that the letter was sent either either to Simon Langham, succeeding Simon Islip, or to William Whittelsey, succeeding Simon Langham upon his resignation. The allusion to the late Archbishop's return to England is explained by the fact that he came as Papal Nuntius in 1374. The address of the letter is carefully erased with a penknife, but with a few other words "Domino "Cardinali Cantuariensi" can be decyphered.

and endows it with the Manor of The Mote at Ightham, thus performing the will of Robert the Vintner of Maidstone.

defuncti executor rite et legitime deputatus, ad Omnipotentis Dei et beatæ et gloriosæ Virginis Mariæ et Omnium Sanctorum laudem et honorem, ac divini cultus augmentum; necnon pro salute animæ dicti Roberti Vyntier, et animarum Johannis et Thomæ fratrum suorum, Roberti et Aliciæ patris et matris eorundem, omnium benefactorum ipsius Roberti Vyntier, atque omnium fidelium defunctorum, juxta licenciam et auctoritatem Domini nostri Regis Angliæ, necnon licenciam reverendi in Christo patris et domini Domini Willelmi Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. michi et executoribus dicti Roberti Vyntier in ea parte factam pariter et concessam, quandam cantariam perpetuam in Ecclesia conventuali monialium Sancti Sepulchri Cantuariæ, ad summum altare ejusdem, vel ad aliud altare, juxta arbitrium Priorissæ dictæ Ecclesiæ quæ pro tempore fuerit ad hoc deputandum, in subsidium et relevamen dictarum pauperum monialium, quarum possessiones et facultates ad exhibicionem unius capellani ipsis divina celebraturi non sufficiunt hiis diebus, fundo, ordino, et dispono, sub forma, modis, et condicionibus infrascriptis; ad quam quidem cantariam ego Robertus de Borne prædictus Dominum Augerum Cadenay capellanum reverendo patri et domino Domino Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, loci diœcesano, primitus præsentabo, per ipsum in dicta cantaria capellanum perpetuum canonice instituendum, et ejusdem auctoritate in corporalem possessionem dictæ cantariæ inducendum. Ordino eciam et dispono, quod cedente vel decedente primo capellano in dicta cantaria canonice instituto vel inducto, quod statim collacio dictæ cantariæ penes eundem Dominum Archiepiscopum et successores suos imperpetuum remaneat, et advocacionem ipsius cantariæ prædictus Dominus Archiepiscopus et successores sui extunc habeant pleno jure. Volo eciam, ordino, et

dispono, quod quilibet capellanus ad dictam cantariam admittendus, in admissione sua, corporale præstabit sacramentum, quod omni die, legitimo cessante impedimento, prout humana fragilitas permittet, missam suam in præfata ecclesia ut præfertur celebrabit, necnon officium defunctorum, videlicet, *Placebo, Dirige,* et *Commendacionem* singulis diebus, cum de . . .[1] agitur integraliter dicet et persolvet, aut, si legitime impeditus fuerit, prædictum officium et missas hujusmodi pro supradictis animabus dici faciet et persolvi, quodque omni die hujusmodi secundam collectam dicat pro defunctis supradictis; de quo juramento in litteris institucionis dicti capellani, si instituenti placuerit, fiat mencio specialis. Do eciam et concedo prædicto Domino Augero capellano, et successoribus suis capellanis, in dotem perpetuam præfatæ cantariæ, et sustentacionem capellanorum hujusmodi, ac oneribus dictæ cantariæ supportandis infuturum, manerium meum de Scheforde juxta Maidestane, vocatum *La Mote,* cum quodam molendino aquatico, certis terris, pasturis, pratis, boscis, redditibus, wardis, maritagiis, releviis, sectis, et aliis pertinenciis suis, prout in quadam carta feoffamenti inde confecta plenius apparet. Quibus quidem Domino Augero et successoribus suis Priorissa et moniales prædictæ invenient perpetuo infuturum unum altare decenter paratum, calicem, vestimenta, panem, vinum, luminaria, et clericum, ac omnia alia circa celebracionem missæ necessaria, diebus singulis, necnon mansum competentem pro mora sua, earum sumptibus propriis et expensis; ita quod ob defectum alicujus præmissorum nullius missæ celebracio aliquatenus omittatur seu negligatur infuturum. Volo eciam et concedo, quod liceat præfato Domino Augero, et successoribus suis et eorum cuilibet, si eis hoc

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[1] A word is here destroyed by a spot of ironmould.

videbitur expedire, prædictum manerium, cum ceteris pertinenciis in dicta carta feoffamenti plenius contentis, ad perpetuam firmam Willelmo Topclyve de Maidestan, vel alii idoneo et sufficienti cuicumque, dimittere, dumtamen sufficiens securitas pro firma hujusmodi dictis capellanis et monialibus prædictis præstetur ab eisdem. Volo eciam, ordino, et dispono, quod præfatæ Priorissa et moniales, singulis vacacionibus cantariæ hujusmodi contingentibus in futurum, omnia et singula emolumenta et proficua de dicto manerio vel pertinenciis hujusmodi tempore prædictæ vacacionis qualitercumque proveniencia, exigere, levare, et colligere, et ea in usus capellani tempore vacacionis hujusmodi ab eis inveniendi convertere [possint] absque contradictione quacumque. Hanc autem jam dictæ ordinacionis formam, quoad omnia ejus capitula volo et ordino inviolabiliter imperpetuum fore observandam, salva loci Diœcesano qui pro tempore fuerit potestate, si et prout congruum sibi videbitur, eam corrigendi, et capellanum prædictum si in aliquo præmissorum defecerit corrigendi et canonice puniendi. Protestor insuper ego Robertus de Borne prædictus quod, per ordinacionem factam seu aliqua contenta in eadem,[1] non intendo me administratorem bonorum dicti Roberti Vyntier defuncti in aliquo reddere seu fateri, vel creditoribus aut legatariis testamenti, seu per præmissa seu aliquod eorundem, me obligare, cum revera bonis prædicti Roberti Vyntier mobilibus seu catallis nunquam me immiscui, nec administravi in eisdem, nec administrare, intendo infuturum. In quorum omnium et singulorum præmissorum testimonium et fidem ego Robertus de Borne prædictus, in præsenti Commissarius Cantuariensis Generalis, sigillum officii mei præsentibus apposui. Data Cantuariæ nono die mensis Novembris

[1] *eisdem*, MS.

anno Domini M°CCC°LXIX°." Nos igitur Willelmus, etc. Archiepiscopus, etc. dictas fundacionem, constitucionem, et ordinacionem cantariæ prædictæ in omnibus, etc. ratas et gratas habentes, eas, etc. ratificamus, etc. Data apud Cherryng, quinto kalendas Decembris, anno supradicto.

Copia conservata et evidencia per Dominum Abbatem de Boxle juxta Maydestane.

937.—Littera concessa Henrico Wodhelle[1] monacho Monasterii de Abyndonia.

24 Mar. 1360.
H. 82 *b*.

The Chapter of Christ Church promise to receive Henry Wodhull, a monk of Abingdon, into their congregation, provided he obtains the necessary licence for migration from his Abbot.

Robertus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. venerabili fratri Henrico Wodhelle, monacho Monasterii de Abyndonia, Sarum diœcesis, Sacræ Theologiæ Doctori, salutem, etc. Spiritus Dei ubi vult spirat et nescitur unde veniat aut quo vadat, et nemo[2] est qui possit vias illius perscrutari; et tu, ob devocionem sanctissimi Martiris Thomæ et aliorum Sanctorum qui in nostra Ecclesiæ requiescunt, desideras apud ipsam Ecclesiam vitam ducere arciorem, necnon meritorum dictorum Sanctorum, et oracionum successorum nostræ Ecclesiæ præfatæ particeps fieri, Spiritu Sancto ductus. Iccirco tibi concedimus, unanimiter in communi, quatinus, habita licencia a tuo Abbate et suo Conventu vel ab alio qui dare eam valeat transferrendi, ad Ecclesiam nostram venire valeas, et tanquam noster commonachus inter nos perpetuo Domino famulari; teque quando veneris, cum divina licencia, recipere promittimus in nostrum commonachum et in fratrem. In cujus rei, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro nono kalendas Aprilis, anno Domini MCCCLX°.[3]

[1] *Wodhulle* interlined in the same hand as the text.

[2] *ideo*, MS.

[3] This letter is followed by two others entitled *Littera commendaticia Abbatis et Conventus Monasterii de Abyndonia* and *Littera professionis Henrici de Wodhull.* He became the first Warden of Canterbury College.

14 July 1370.
II. 81 *a*.

938.—Statuta Collegii de Ruschworth, Norwycensis Diœcesis.

The Prior and Chapter of Canterbury ratify a confirmation by the Archbishop of a set of reformed statutes for the College of Priests in the Church of Rushworth drawn up by Bishop Percy of Norwich.

Universis, etc. Robertus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. salutem. Litteras patentes venerabilis patris et domini, Domini Simonis Dei gratia Cantuariensis Archiepiscopi, etc. nuper inspeximus, etc. tenorem qui sequitur continentes:

The Archbishop's confirmation reciting the statutes of the Bishop of Norwich.

"Sanctæ Matris Ecclesiæ filiis, etc. Simon,[1] etc. salutem. Noverit universitas vestra, quod nos litteras venerabilis fratris nostri, Domini Thomæ Dei gratia Norwycensis Episcopi recepimus, tenorem qui sequitur continentes:

"'Universis, etc. Thomas, etc. salutem, et rei gestæ memoriam perpetuo duraturam. Ad universitatis vestræ noticiam, tenore præsencium, volumus pervenire, quod cum nos, juxta solicitudinem pastoralem, onus nostris humeris incumbens amplectentes, nostram diœcesim inchoaverimus visitare, inter cetera ad Collegium de Russcheworth nostræ diœcesis, per bone memoriæ Domini Edmundi de Gonevill nuper fundatum, accessimus, visitacionis officium impleturi, exhibitisque coram nobis[2] fundacione ac ceteris munimentis eorum, ad Collegium prædictum pertinentibus, inter cetera reperimus ordinaciones secundum quas vivere debent, nimis tamen diminuta; ad quas corrigendas, et ab eis decetero observandas, secundum voluntatem defuncti, de consensu omnium quorum interest in hac parte, procedimus in hunc modum. In primis igitur: statuimus ac etiam ordinamus, quod in dicto Collegio sint quinque Capellani, quorum unus eorum sit Magister seu Custos vulgariter nuncupatus, cui ceteri in licitis teneantur et canonicis obedire. Qui quidem Custos seu Magister curam ecclesiæ de Russcheworth, eis legitime appropriatæ, habeat;

[1] As William Wittelsey was Archbishop at the date of these new statutes, it is probable that this confirmation must be attributed to his successor, Simon Sudbury, in which case it should be dated at least five years later than the statutes.

[2] *eorum*, MS.

omnes autem dicti presbiteri pro animabus fundatorum, antecessorum et successorum suorum, juxta dicti fundatoris propositum, nisi rationabiliter fuerint excusati, cotidie celebrabunt; quem numerum, habita consideracione ad facultates quas optinent in præsenti, sufficere reputamus. Volumus tamen, quod si, divina favente clemencia, eorum redditus augeantur, quod, juxta excrescenciam facultatum, numerus augeatur; proviso tamen, quod pro quolibet Socio excrescende ad minus decem marchæ argenti, pro suo victu et aliis necessariis, assignentur; dictos autem sacerdotes, tam Magistrum quam alios, perpetuos esse volumus, nisi talia perpetraverit crimina propter quæ debet Rector a suo beneficio ammoveri. Item: statuimus ac etiam ordinamus, quod omnes in una domo simul dormiant, ac in una domo communiter comedant atque bibant, contenti cibis et potibus per dictum Magistrum, seu alium ad hoc officium deputandum, secundum facultates domus provisis, nisi infirmitate vel alia justa causa aliquis eorum in mensa interesse fuerit impeditus. Infirmis autem, licet infirmitate perpetua sint detenti et licet celebrare nequeant, in cibis et potibus et aliis necessariis ad terminum vitæ, juxta facultates Collegii, volumus procurari. Pro necessariis autem quibuscumque, dictum Magistrum quinquaginta soldidos, et quemlibet alium confratrem triginta solidos, annis singulis, in festis Natalis Domini, Pentecostes, et Sancti Michaelis, per æquales porciones, de bonis percipere volumus Collegii supradicti. Item: statuimus et ordinamus, quod cum officium Magistri seu Custodis vacaverit, per confratres Magister seu Custos, per scrutinium, eligatur, submota tamen omni juris solempnitate; et ille in quem major pars Sociorum consenserit si sit de grèmio, vel in quem duæ partes confratrum consenserint si sit extra gremium, littera patenti, communi sigillo eorum consignata, Episcopo Norwycensi, vel

ejus Vicario in Generalibus seu locum tenenti, præsentetur, et sic per Episcopum, vel ejus Vicarium in Generalibus seu ejus locum tenentem, protinus approbetur, ac etiam confirmetur. Ita quod nullam juris solempnitatem, sed solum majoris partis consensum, ut est dictum per viam scrutinii, in electione Custodis volumus observari. Et si contingat duos eligi pares voces habentes, in gratificacione sit Episcopi qui pro tempore fuerit, qui præfici debeat in Custodem. Volumus autem, juxta fundatoris propositum, quod electus in Magistrum ante quam confirmetur manerium de Lylyngg adeat, et si heres fundatoris ibidem fuerit, tunc eidem se præsentet; alioquin pro confirmacione habenda, licet heredi non se præsentet, Dominum Episcopum Norwycensem adeat, et electio in forma supradicta facta protinus confirmetur. Item: statuimus ac etiam ordinamus, quod Magister qui pro tempore fuerit, per se vel per alium Capellanum, parochianis dictæ villæ de Russcheworth sacramenta et sacramentalia, ac eis in omnibus deserviat vel faciat deserviri, juxta quod cura animarum, eidem tradita, exigit et requirit. Volumus tamen, quod si prædicti confratres, infra tres menses a tempore vacacionis, Magistrum non eligerint, quod tunc provisio illa vice de Magistro ad Episcopum devolvatur, qui unum de Collegio in Magistrum præficere teneatur. Tempore autem vacacionis unus de gremio per suos consocios eligatur, qui tempore vacacionis bona dicti Collegii administret, et Magistro futuro cum venerit de administracione sua fideliter reddat compotum, ut est justum. Magister autem sic electus et confirmatus, vel etiam per Episcopum præfectus, antequam aliquid de bonis dicti Collegii administret, in præsentia confratrum domi præsencium juramentum præstet, quod bona dicti Collegii fideliter administrabit sine dilapidacione, in utilitatem Collegii convertendo, et quod de confratribus suis pecuniam pro eorum necessariis deputatam ter-

minis suis solvet, nisi fuerit racionabiliter excusatus. Item: statuimus et ordinamus, quod cum locus confratris vacaverit, per electionem confratrum, infra sex menses, alius subrogetur; alioquin, post lapsum dictorum sex mensium, ad Episcopum illa vice provisio devolvatur. Quilibet autem sacerdos, quandocumque decesserit vel a domo recesserit, medietatem bonorum suorum dimittat Collegio, in eorum utilitatem et commodum convetendam; et sic electus, vel per Episcopum præfectus, in sui admissione juret, quod erit obediens Magistro vel ejus locum tenenti in licitis canonicisque mandatis, et quod commodum et honorem dicti Collegii, consilium et personas eorum concernentem, et non contrarium, quamdiu vixerit procurabit; et quod quamdiu ibidem moram traxerit, quatenus humana permittit fragilitas, honestus erit, modestus, quietus, pacificus, atque castus. Siquis tamen ex facilitate non ex pertinacia in aliquibus præmissorum, vel per inobedienciam, peccaverit, paratus se corrigere perjurus ex hoc minime censeatur. Tamen si aliquis eorum peccaverit, more religio(so)rum, in Capitulo per Magistrum vel ejus locum tenentem corrigi debeat et absolvi. Capitulum autem intrent confratres quolibet die post missam de die, si commode fieri potest, vel alio tempore, secundum discrecionem majoris partis Collegii; ubi confratres præsentes volumus congregari, qui preces effundant pro Domino Edmundo Gonevill fundatore, et pro benefactoribus vivis et mortuis, scilicet, pro vivis cum hac oratione: *Dominus qui caritatis;* et pro fundatore, antecessoribus, et successoribus: *Inclina Domine;* et pro benefactoribus et omnibus fidelibus defunctis: *Miserere quæsumus Domine, etc.* Ibidemque tractetur, si necesse fuerit, quod ibidem per majorem partem Capituli fuerit ordinatum; excepta alienacione rerum et mobilium dicti Collegii, ubi consensum omnium Sociorum unanimem exigi volumus et requiri. Item: statuimus ac etiam ordinamus, ut omnes confratres, vel ad minus quatuor,

cum presbiteris et clericis surgant in aurora vel mane, secundum exigenciam temporis, et intrent ecclesiam eorum de Russcheworthe, et Matutinas *de Sancta Maria* dicant, et postea Matutinas et horas canonicas *de die,* secundum usum in diœcesi communiter observatum, in choro per notam psallant, si commode fieri potest, vel ad minus in festis cum regimine chori; hiis dictis missam *de die* cum nota celebrent, etiam in profestis diebus; aliam autem missam *de Sancta Maria,* et tertiam missam *pro defunctis,* si voluerint, in dicta ecclesia volumus celebrari; quarta autem missa *de Trinitate* in eorum capella, eorum dormitorio annexa, volumus celebrari. In qualibet autem missa supradicta specialis collecta dicatur pro animabus Domini Edmundi de Gonevill fundatoris, antecessorum, et successorum, et eorum benefactorum, cum orationibus in Capitulis supradictis. Qualibet autem ebdomada, singillatim per ordinem, regatur chorus per unum de confratribus, qui missam *de die* cotidie per suam ebdomadam, per se vel per substitutum si impeditus fuerit, celebrabit, et deserviet parochiæ in divinis; quolibet die *Placebo* et *Dirige* psallant vel dicant communiter in ecclesia supradicta, vel extra ecclesiam si fuerint impediti, vel ad minus Ebdomadarius. Tamen volumus quod anniversarius dies dicti Domini Edmundi de Gonevill annuatim solempniter celebretur. Omnes autem de Collegio in ecclesia morando mantallo albo, et pilleo in capite, nec alia forma, conversentur in ecclesia, nisi illi qui superpelliciis et aliis ornamentis ecclesiasticis sunt induti; extra autem ecclesiam in gestu, tonsura, corona, ornamentis, et aliis, honestatem observent in omnibus clericalem; habeant etiam annuatim aliquam vesturam de una secta. Proprietatem autem tam Magistro quam aliis confratribus permittimus optinere; si tamen decesserint medietas bonorum eorum, debitis tamen eorum primo solutis, virtute præsencium Collegio applicetur; aliam vero medietatem in testamento legandi, si

voluerint liberam habeant potestatem, et si testamentum non fecerint, ubicumque inventa sint, bona Collegio applicentur. Omnes autem de Collegio ad continuam residenciam volumus obligari, ita quod extra Collegium provocitari nequeant, nisi Custode, vel ejus locum tenente, licenciam meruerint obtinere; Custos tamen, qui circa negocia dicti Collegii vacare oporteat, ad hanc residenciam faciendam, vel ad alias observancias supradictas, cum impeditus fuerit non artetur. Dictus etiam Magister ad serviendum in Collegio aliquos de parentela sua non admittat, nisi majoris partis confratrum suorum consensum habuerit et assensum. Item: statuimus ac etiam ordinamus, quod commune habeant sigillum, et cistam, cum tribus serruris et clavibus diversæ fabricæ, quarum una clavis remaneat penes Custodem prædictum, et aliæ duæ claves penes alios duos confratres quos ceteri confratres ad hoc eligere voluerint; in qua cista reponantur sigillum prædictum, et alia Collegii munimenta, ac thesaurus eorum; et quod Magister cum sociis suis, semel in anno in festo Sancti Michaelis, de toto eorum thesauro, stauro, receptis, expensis, et administracione fidelem compotum reddere teneantur; de quo fiat indentura, quarum una pars remaneat penes dictum Magistrum, alia vero pars in cista communi reponatur; ut quolibet anno apparere valeat, an eorum bona augmentata fuerint vel eciam diminuta. Ceteris autem temporibus anni, bis vel ter, visum compoti suis confratribus exhibeat, si eis videbitur expedire. Nos igitur statum dicti Collegii et ordinaciones ipsius, etc. decernimus observari et ea, tam auctoritate pontificali quam ordinaria, confirmamus, etc. Data apud Sholdham xiiij° die Julii anno Domini millesimo trecentesimo septuagesimo, etc."

Quæ omnia et singula, etc. nos Simon permissione divina Cantuariensis Archiepiscopus, etc. confirmamus, etc. Data apud Cherryng xij° kalendas Novembris anno Domini supradicto.

The Archbishop's confirmation resumed.

The ratification of the Chapter concluded.

Nos hujusmodi confirmacionem, etc. venerabilis patris prædicti gratas et acceptas habentes approbamus, ratificamus, et confirmamus, etc. Data in Capitulo nostro Cantuariensi xxvij° die menses Octobris anno Domini supradicto.

3 June 1371.

939.—Procuratorium Collegii Aulæ Cantuariensis nuncupati in Oxonia situati.

H. 73 *b*.

The Judge delegate, in the case of the regular and secular clerks who contended for the fellowships in Canterbury College, having given a judgment in favour of the monks, two of their number are by the Chapter appointed to see that due effect is given to the sentence of the Judge.

Cunctis, etc. Nos Ricardus permissione divina Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. notum facimus per præsentes, quod cum in causa seu negocio spoliacionis regiminis, juris, et possessionis Collegii Aulam Cantuariensem nuncupati, in Universitate Oxoniæ situati, quæ in Sacrosancta Curia Romana, inter Henricum Wodell, monachum Ecclesiæ nostræ Cantuariensis Custodem sive Magistrum pro tunc dicti Collegii Aulæ Cantuariensis, ac ceteros monachos nostros scolares cum eo nuper commorantes, ex parte una, ac Magistros Johannem Wyclyf, Ricardum Benger, Willelmum Soleby, et Willelmum Myddelworth clericos, ex altera, coram reverendissimo in Christo patre Domino Andruyno, miseracione divina Sancti Marcelli Sanctæ Romanæ Ecclesiæ Presbitero-Cardinali, auditore seu commissario in dictis causa et negocio ab Apostolica Sede rite et legitime deputato, aliquamdiu mota, idem Dominus Andruynus Cardinalis Auditor, etc. pro dicto Domino Henrico, Custode sive Magistro dicti Collegii, etc. et monachis nostris in dicto Collegio commorantibus, contra dictos Magistros Johannem de Wyclyf, Ricardum, Willelmum, et Willelmum, et eorum quemlibet, sentenciam tulerit diffinitivam, ipsosque solos monachos nostros scolares hujusmodi ad dictum Collegium, Aulam nuncupatum, regendum et gubernandum perpetuo infuturum, omniaque alia bona et singula, mobilia et immobilia, ad dictum Collegium, Aulam nuncupatum, tam de jure quam de consuetudine qualitercumque pertinencia, secularibus scolaribus penitus et perpetue exclusis, restituenda et redinte-

granda, sanctissimusque in Christo pater ac dominus Dominus Urbanus, divina providencia Sacrosanctæ Sedis Apostolicæ Summus Pontifex, ipsam sentenciam, utpote provide latam, ratam habens et acceptam, auctoritate sua apostolica subsequenter confirmaverit, et eam sentenciam per certos suos executores super hoc deputatos execucioni debite decreverit fore demandandam, certis insuper subexecutoribus[1] ad præmissa facienda et exequenda expostfacto datis et deputatis; nos Prior et Capitulum prædicti, quorum notorie ex causis præmissis interest in hac parte, dilectos nobis in Christo Fratres Stephanum Monyngham et Johannem Aleyn, commonachos et confratres nostros, etc. nostros veros et legitimos procuratores, etc. fecimus et ordinavimus; dantes eisdem procuratoribus, etc. plenam et liberam potestatem, etc. pro nobis et Ecclesia nostra Cantuariensi, et monachis nostris quibuscumque qui pro tempore fuerint, sint, et erunt infuturum Magistri, Custodes, et Scolares seu Socii Collegii Aulæ prædictæ, et nomine nostro, litteras apostolicas, instrumenta sentenciæ, et processus quoscumque inde secutos, præmissa concernentes, executoribus seu subexecutoribus quibuscumque in hac parte deputatis seu deputandis præsentandi, propriosque executores et subexecutores ad exequendum præmissa, quociens opus fuerit, debite requirendi, realemque et effectualem dictæ sentenciæ execucionem fieri petendi, negociumque execucionis sentenciæ, litterarum, et processuum prædictorum effectualiter prosequendi et finiendi, corporalem etiam possessionem dicti Collegii sive Aulæ, necnon ecclesiæ parochiæ de Pageham cum capellis ejusdem annexis, immediatæ jurisdictionis Ecclesiæ Cantuariensis, dicto Collegio, Aulam nuncupato, rite et canonice appropriatæ, quatenus nos concernere poterit nansciscendi, possessionemque hujusmodi nactam retinendi, conservandi, et recuperandi, etc.

Data in domo nostra Capitulari, etc. ij^{do} kalendas Julii, anno Domini M^{o}CCC^{o}LXXJ^{mo}.

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[1] *subsecutoribus*, MS.

26 Jan. 1372. H. 75 *a*.

940.—[De pensione Thomæ filii Comitis de Arundell.]

The Prior and Chapter settle upon Thomas Arundel, clerk, son of the Earl of Arundel and Surrey (and their future Archbishop), a pension of a hundred marcs, with penalties if the payment fall in arrear.

Ceste endenture, fayte parentre le Priour de Crist-Cherch de Canterbyris et le Covent de mesme le lieu dune part, et Thomas filtz au Counte Darundell et de Surrie, clerk, daultrepart, tesmoigne: qe les ditz Priour et Covent ount grantez au ditz Thomas et a ses assignez une annuelę rente de cent marce, pur terme de la vie le ditz Thomas, a prendre des maniers de Orpinton, Mepham, Clive, et Colyngg en la Counte de Kent, et des touz auters teres et tenementz deinz le dit Counte de Kent; apaier a les festes de la Purificacion Nostre Dame, et la Nativite de Seint Johan le Babtistre, par owels porciouns, a Loundres en la Eglise de Seint Poel, souz les condiciouns ensuantz, cest assavoir: qe si le dit Thomas soit avance a benefice de Seint Eglise de la value de cent livers, tiele qe le vouldra recevier, par le ditz Priour ou ses successors, ou par cause de eaux, ou qil soit cree en Evesqe; quadonqs la dite rent de cent marc cesse a tous jours. Et si la dite rente de cent marcz soit aderiere, en partie ou en tout, a ascun de temps susdit, et par un mois proschein ensuant, durant lestat le dit Thomas en de rente susdite, les ditz Priour et Covent obligent eaux et lour successors de payer a dit Thomas, ses heyrs ou ses excecutours, deux cent livres; et issint a chequn temps qils faillent dęl payment, etc., etc. En tesmoignance de quele chose les ditz Priour et Covent ala une partie de cestes endentures devers le dit Thomas demourantz ount mys lour commune seal, et a lautre partie, etc. Donez a Canterbyrs, le Lundy proschein apres la feste de la Conversioun Seint Pauel, laun de reigne le Roy Edward, etc. quarantisme sisme.

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This indenture, made between the Prior of Christ Church of Canterbury and the Convent of the same place on the one part, and Thomas son of the Earl of Arundel and Surrey, clerk, on the other part, witnesseth: that the said Prior and Convent have granted to the said Thomas and his assigns an annual rent of a hundred marks for the term of the life of the said Thomas, to be received out of the manors of Orpington, Meopham, Cliff (at Hoo), and Cowling, in the County of Kent, and out of all other lands and tenements in the said County of Kent (which belong to the Convent); to be paid at Candlemas and Midsummer, by equal portions, in the Church of St. Paul in London, under the following conditions, that is to say: that if the said Thomas be promoted to a benefice in the Church worth a hundred pounds (such as he shall be willing to accept) by the said Prior or his successors, or by their influence, or if he be created a Bishop; then in that case shall the said pension of a hundred marks cease for ever. And if the said pension of a hundred marks fall into arrear, in part or wholly, at either of the aforesaid terms and for a month after it, during the existence of the estate of the said Thomas in the abovesaid rent, the said Prior and Convent pledge themselves and their successors to pay to the said Thomas, his heirs or his executors, two hundred pounds, and so on at each term that they come short in the payment, &c. In witness of which thing the said Prior and Convent to the one part of these indentures which remains with the said Thomas have affixed their common seal, and to the other part, &c. &c. Given at Canterbury, on the Monday next after the Conversion of St. Paul, the year of the reign of King Edward, &c. the forty-sixth.

6 Jan. 1373.

Cart. Ant. C. 1273.

941.—[De procurationibus cujusdam Cardinalis-Legati non solvendis.]

The King forbids Archbishop Whittelsey to exact from the English clergy any tax for the payment of *procurations* to a French Cardinal, who has been employed in mediating in the matter of the succession of the Duchy of Brittany; a matter in which the English clergy and people have no concern.

Edwardus Dei gratia Rex Angliæ, etc. venerabili in Christo [patri W(illelmo) eadem gratia Archiepiscopo Cantuariensi, etc., salutem. Nuper, occasione tractatus super pacificandis et sedandis dissensionibus et debat . . . . . exortis inter Johannem de Monteforti ex una [parte] et Karolum de Blesis ex altera occasione Ducatus Britanniæ, beatæ memoriæ Cardinalis Cluniacensis, in regnum nostrum accedens et in tractatu ipso medians, certam imposicionem, pro expensis suis appositis circa præmissa, super vos et Ecclesiam vestram ac clerum provinciæ vestræ imponi et exigi mandavit et fecit, dum vixerat; ac vos eo prætextu magnas pecuniæ summas de Ecclesia et clero provinciæ vestræ prædictis, dicto Cardinali, jam ab hac luce subtracto ad opus executorum testamenti Cardinalis prædicti, quamquam pacificacio hujusmodi, eciam si facta fuisset per mediacionem Cardinalis ipsius, sicuti facta non fuerat, nos aut incolas regni nostri nullatenus tetigisset, et per consequens ipsos artare vel obligare nullatenus potuisset, per censuras ecclesiasticas exigere et levare nitimini minus juste, in nostri contemptum, et præjudicium dictarum Ecclesiæ ac provinciæ vestrarum, ac regni nostri depauperacionem, depressionem, et præjudicium manifestum. Nos, advertentes dampna et incommoda quæ, ex hujusmodi subtilibus exactionibus et novellis imposicionibus, nobis coronæque nostræ regiæ ac toti Ecclesiæ Anglicanæ possint et debeant verisimiliter exoriri, pejorem consequenciam si processerint ad effectum futuris temporibus de facili paritura, nolentes talia aut similia in regno nostro fieri sub connivencia tolerare, et specialiter quod aliis incumbencia onera subditorum nostrorum humeris ferenda ponantur, sed pocius tam regnum, Ecclesiam, clerum, et populum Anglicanos prædictos ab injustis oneribus hujusmodi et

similibus regali, prout tenemur, ministerio defensare; vobis, auctoritate nostra regia, tenore præsencium, districtius quo possumus prohibemus, in fide et ligeancia quibus nobis tenemini firmiter injungentes, ne, prætextu tractatus, imposicionis, vel exacionis prædictorum, quicquid [1] quod in nostrorum Ecclesiæ, cleri, aut populi Anglicanorum dampnum seu præjudicium cedere valeat, per vos aut alios quoscumque, quomodolibet attemptetis, nec attemptari facere præsumatis; sed ab exactione imposicionis hujusmodi et aliarum consimilium penitus desistatis, sicuti vos et Ecclesiam vestram indempnes erga nos volueritis conservari. Et si quicquid [1] in contrarium facere præsumpseritis in hac parte, nos contra vos, suadente justicia, tam graviter capiemus, quod vestra punicio cedet aliis ad terrorem. Teste me ipso apud Westmonasterium, vj^to^ die Januarii, anno regni nostri Angliæ quadragesimo sexto, regni vero nostri Franciæ tricesimo tercio.

942.—Obligacio cujusdam annui redditus facta Priori et Conventui Sanctæ Fredeswydæ Oxoniæ. 3 Feb. 1373. H. 77 *b*.

Omnibus, etc. Prior Ecclesiæ Christi, etc. salutem, etc. Vestra noverit universitas, quod, cum Custos et Scolares collegii Aulæ nostræ Cantuariensis in Oxonia et eorum successores teneantur et obligentur religiosis viris Priori et Conventui Monasterii Sanctæ Fredeswyde Oxoniæ et eorum successoribus in quodam annuo redditu quadraginta solidorum, pro certis terris et tenementis, de licencia Domini Regis de præfatis Priore et Conventu eisdem Custode et Scolaribus in Oxonia adquisitis, ad certos terminos imperpetuum percipiendo, prout in quibusdam indenturis inter eosdem inde confectis plenius continetur, per quas

The Warden of Canterbury College has bought a part of the site of his College from St. Frideswide's Priory, and, not having the money to pay the capital sum, he has charged his

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[1] *quicquam*, MS.

College with an annual interest of forty shillings, giving power of re-entry and distraint upon the land in case of arrears; to which security the Chapter of Christ Church add a power of levying upon their manor of Monks Risborough.

prædictæ terræ et tenementa præfatis Custodi et Scolaribus erant liberatæ; volumus et concedimus, pro nobis et successoribus nostris imperpetuum, per præsentes, quod si dictus redditus, etc. in parte vel in toto, etc. a retro fuerit non solutus, ex tunc bene licebit dictis Priori et Conventui Sanctæ Fredeswyde, etc. in dicto Collegio cum suis pertinenciis, et in omni parcella ejusdem, ingredi et distringere, etc. Et si contingat quod dicti Prior et Conventus, etc. sufficientem districtionem pro redditu prædicto in dicto Collegio, etc. capere non potuerint, ex tunc bene licebit prædictis Priori, etc. in manerio nostro de Riseborgh in comitatu Bukks, etc. ingredi et distringere. In cujus rei testimonium, etc. Data Cantuariæ, etc. in crastino Purificacionis Beatæ Mariæ, anno Domini M°CCC°LXXIJ^do^.

(1373). H. 79 *b*.

943.—LITTERA MISSIVA DOMINO ARCHIEPISCOPO SUPER APPROPRIACIONE ECCLESIÆ DE PAGEHAM ET CAPITULO GENERALI NIGRORUM MONACHORUM.[1]

Letter addressed to Cardinal Langham (?) at Rome, asking his intervention in favour of the new College in Oxford,

Pater et domine Reverendissime, languentes in profundis laboramur suspiriis dum præsenciam vestram, nobis hactenus mellifluam, tam eminus perpendimus elongatam. Solet ipsa namque nos a cunctis præservare adversis, vel saltem citra curacionem nostros sanare languores, pro quibus profusis munificencius vestris laboribus et vigiliis circa Collegium Cantuariense, opus manuum vestrarum, nuper impensis, cum

[1] This title, which erroneously implies that the letter was addressed to Archbishop Whittelsey, is in a hand at least a century more modern in date than the text of the letter. The subject-matter and the phrases used indicate that the petitions contained in it were made to a person of very great eminence residing at the Curia, and the hint at the supreme rule of the Church contained in the last clause could only have a meaning if addressed to a member of the College of Cardinals, from among whom future Popes would be chosen.

rependere vices non sufficimus ad condignum, vestros [nos] offerimus indefessos cunctis temporibus oratores. Gaudet nempe nostra concio non modice, quod dictum Collegium, vestro singulari mediante præsidio, stabilitum est super firmam petram, floret eciam et viget ad præsens in Magistro et septem monachis, docilibus et aptis ad studendum, caret tamen privilegiis et exempcionibus sibi necessariis, vestra paterna solicitudine ut speramus impetrandis; comminatum est tamen nobis, quod quidam æmuli nostri in Curia ad ecclesiam de Pagaham intendunt impetrare[1] tanquam vacantem, nisi prius nostræ provisionis proposito frustrentur. Verum cartam appropriacionis dictæ ecclesiæ, ac cartam donacionis regiæ super forisfactura patronatus dictæ ecclesiæ nobis concessam, præsenciæ vestræ transmittimus. Ad hæc, pater amantissime, præsidentes Capituli generalis Dominum Priorem nostrum, occasione non-comparicionis in Capitulo ultimo generali, graviter multarunt, et multas hujusmodi per censuras ecclesiasticas ab ipso et nobis levare comminantur, et aliter multipliciter infestant. Verum, pater dulcissime, cum non sit alius qui adjuvet hiis diebus, nec aperiat pulsanti, piam vestram clemenciam, solitam et expertam, flexis genibus humilime duximus exorandam, quatinus præmissa negocia, solita affectione paterna, non ut vellemus sed ut ingenii vestri summam prudenciam decet et expedit, regulare et dirigere, si libeat, in salutis viam, nostris sumptibus et expensis, super hiisque sanum et fructuosum remedium adhibere, dignetur vestra bonitas indeficiens veneranda; quam ad universalis Ecclesiæ regimen et munimen conservet in prosperis Trinitas Sancta.

and in the matter of the persecution from which the Prior of Christ Church was suffering in consequence of his refusal to obey summonses to attend the general Chapter of the English Benedictines.

[1] *præsentare?*

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